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THIRD DAY, TENTH MONTH, TWENTY-SECOND, 1935, 7:30 p. m.

1. The Five Years Meeting of Friends in America convened in its seventh session on Third Day, the twenty-second of Tenth Month, at 7:30 p. m., in the East Main Street Meetinghouse in Richmond, Indiana.

2. The Presiding Clerk, William Orville Mendenhall, was in the chair, with David E. Henley as Reading Clerk. In the absence of Alice Paige White, Recording Clerk, Lyra Trueblood Wolkins was asked to serve temporarily in that capacity.

3. A letter from Joseph M. Waltermann, Mayor of Richmond, welcomed Friends to the hospitality of the city.

4. As the Meeting settled into worship, the Presiding Clerk directed the thought of the assembly to the great expectancy in which we had come together, seeking clearer insight into the complex problems of the day. In the rhythm of worship, we are faced with the dual command to love God and to love our neighbor, passing from vision and direction to Christian activity, and back again to the first command in order to give power for service.

5. There followed the roll call of delegates from the several constituent Yearly Meetings. Inasmuch as some of the delegates were absent, and a few delayed in arriving, their places were filled from the respective lists of alternates. The official roll of delegates is as follows:*

* The delegations as listed include the names of all (so far as their names have been obtained) who at any time were present as delegates. At no time, of course, were more seated in a given delegation as delegates than the Yearly Meeting in question was entitled to.

CANADA YEARLY MEETING

Ella R. Firth, *Chairman,* 3 May Square, Rosedale, Toronto, Ontario.

G. Raymond Booth, 107 Hillsdale West, Toronto 12, Ontario.

Edith C. Bowerman, 34 St. Andrews Gardens, Toronto, Ontario.

Conran K. Hay, R. F. D. 2, West Hill, Ontario.

Berta Hamilton, 113 Maitland St., Toronto, Ontario.

John McSkimming, Newmarket, Ontario.

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

Lindley M. Binford, *Chairman,* 33 Norwood St., Portland, Maine.

Rufus M. Jones, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

Lyra Trueblood Wolkins, 95 Lincoln St., Newton Highlands, Mass.

L. Ralston Thomas, Moses Brown School, Providence, R. I.

James A. Coney, 26 Stevens St., Methuen, Mass.

Robert E. Owen, Vassalboro, Maine.

Harold N. Tollefson, South China, Maine.

Frances E. Wheeler, Lincoln School, Providence, R. I.

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING

Eleanor W. Taber, *Chairman,* 310 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.

L. Hollingsworth Wood, 501 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

David F. Lane, 30 Adriance Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

William E. Simkin, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Howard E. Kershner, 38 Clinton Road, Glen Ridge, N. J.

Wilbur W. Kamp, 249 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Howard L. Carey, 387 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Edward Thomas, 144 East Twentieth St., New York, N. Y.
B. Russell Branson, Clintondale, N. Y.
Thomas H. Haines, 58 Tuxedo Road, Montclair, N. J.
Jennie C. Callister, 62 Hubbard Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING

Lindley D. Clark, *Chairman,* Sandy Spring, Maryland.
J. Hoge Ricks, 1506 Westwood Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.
Margaret T. Carey, 4311 Rugby Road, Baltimore, Maryland.
Mary Moorman White, R. F. D., Franklin, Virginia.
Edith W. S. Silver, Meadow Farm, Darlington, Maryland.
Howard M. Hoge, Lincoln, Virginia.

NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING

Clyde A. Milner, *Chairman,* Guilford College, N. C.
Clara I. Cox, High Point, N. C.
Rosa N. Edgerton, Yadkinville, N. C.
Cora Lee Gardner, Box 368, Reidsville, N. C.
Byron Haworth, High Point, N. C.
Samuel L. Haworth, Guilford College, N. C.
Hope Hubbard, Farmer, N. C.
Murray C. Johnson, 1410 Valley Park Drive, Greensboro, N. C.
Elbert D. Newlin, R. F. D. 3, Pikeville, N. C.
Clifton C. Pearson, Mt. Airy, N. C.
D. Virgil Pike, R. F. D. 1, Siler City, N. C.
Bertha V. Smith, Belvidere, N. C.
Tom A. Sykes, 213 Edgedale Drive, High Point, N. C.
J. Waldo Woody, White Plains, N. C.
Joseph D. Cox, High Point, N. C.
Lela W. Welch, 187 Church St., Mt. Airy, N. C.

WILMINGTON YEARLY MEETING

Wendell G. Farr, *Chairman,* Wilmington, Ohio.
Isaac T. Johnson, Urbana, Ohio.
Walter L. Collins, Wilmington, Ohio.
A. Ward Applegate, Wilmington, Ohio.
Elizabeth Beals, Friendsville, Tennessee.
Burritt M. Hiatt, Wilmington, Ohio.
Bernice Hartman, Waynesville, Ohio.
J. Gurney Terrell, New Vienna, Ohio.
DeElla Newlin, Xenia, Ohio.
Hattie G. Jay, Midland, Ohio.

INDIANA YEARLY MEETING

William J. Sayers, *Chairman,* 25 South 15th St., Richmond, Indiana.
Walter C. Woodward, 101 South 8th St., Richmond, Ind.
Charles E. Hiatt, R. F. D., Winchester, Indiana.
Herbert R. Pearson, West Milton, Ohio.
Howard W. Cope, 416 West Adams St., Muncie, Indiana.
Alvin E. Wildman, Selma, Ohio.
Frank J. Long, 901 West 9th St., Anderson, Indiana.
Charles E. Carey, Fairmount, Indiana.
Edgar H. Stranahan, 1515 South Adams St., Marion, Indiana.
Harry W. Kreider, St. Marys, Ohio.
Milo E. Ratliff, Cassopolis, Michigan.
Charles W. Swander, Portland, Indiana.
Odessa P. Rayle, Spiceland, Indiana.
J. Rufus Hinshaw, New Castle, Indiana.
Murray S. Kenworthy, Amboy, Indiana.
James R. Furbay, Carthage, Indiana.
Charles M. Woodman, 240 College Avenue, Richmond, Ind.
William C. Dennis, Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.
Adam Flatter, Lynn, Indiana.

Charles W. Sweet, 1419 East Main St., Muncie, Indiana.
Harold Barnes, Fountain City, Indiana.

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING

Alvin T. Coate, *Chairman,* 2451 Broadway, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Homer J. Coppock, 6109 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Lyman G. Cosand, Bloomingdale, Indiana.
William B. Lindley, Salem, Indiana.
Albert L. Copeland, Mooresville, Indiana.
John Compton, Carmel, Indiana.
Dr. B. F. Andrews, 727 Reba Place, Evanston, Illinois.
Leslie Bond, Danville, Indiana.
Sumner A. Mills, R. F. D. 7, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Lee M. Guyer, R. F. D., Hutsonville, Illinois.
John R. Walter, R. F. D. 2, Elizabethtown, Indiana.
Ella McConnell, R. F. D., Noblesville, Indiana.
Simon N. Hester, R. F. D., Ridgefarm, Illinois.
Agnes L. Day, Westfield, Indiana.
O. Herschel Folger, 1241 North Alabama St., Indianapolis, Indiana.
Russell W. Rees, 906 E. Walnut, Kokomo, Indiana.
J. Frank Johnson, Russiaville, Indiana.
Burnie Cook, Thorntown, Indiana.
Milton H. Hadley, 6041 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Illinois.
Lewis E. Stout, Plainfield, Indiana.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING

Richard R. Newby, *Chairman,* 3329 East University, Des Moines, Iowa.
Frederic E. Carter, 652 North C St., Oskaloosa, Iowa.
L. Willard Reynolds, West Branch, Iowa.
Lorena Briggs, New Sharon, Iowa.
E. L. Hollingsworth, West Branch, Iowa.

Blanche Conover, R. F. D., Grinnell, Iowa.
Cora M. Mattison, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
DeWitt L. Foster, New Providence, Iowa.
J. Walter Eves, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
John H. Hadley, R. F. D., Union, Iowa.
H. Millard Jones, 135 East 37th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Carl D. Byrd, 210 West Main St., Marshalltown, Iowa.
Anna Smith, R. F. D., Marshalltown, Iowa.
William E. Berry, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
H. Randolph Pyle, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

KANSAS YEARLY MEETING

Frank Davies, *Chairman,* 360 North Broadway, Wichita, Kansas.
L. Herbert Reynolds, Argonia, Kansas.
Charles O. Whitely, 1912 Mentor, Wichita, Kansas.
Fred R. Newkirk, Friendswood, Texas.
Lance B. Brady, Rose Hill, Kansas.
Oscar L. Battin, Ramona, Oklahoma.
David M. Edwards, Friends University, Wichita, Kansas.
Gervas A. Carey, Friends University, Wichita, Kansas.
Fred McKinney, Fowler, Kansas.
William S. Kitch, Tonganoxie, Kansas.
Westine Shufelt, McLoud, Oklahoma.
Samuel Schrauner, Stafford, Kansas.
Anna J. Michener, 130 N. Clarence Avenue, Wichita, Kansas.
W. A. Woodward, Haviland, Kansas.

NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING

M. Herbert Watson, *Chairman,* Central City, Nebraska.
Aaron McKinney, 1807 East 8th St., Pueblo, Colorado.
Norman E. Young, 4146 Irving St., Denver, Colorado.
Walter H. Wilson, Alda, Nebraska.

Ora W. Carrell, Central City, Nebraska.
Caspar W. Hanson, Stickney, South Dakota.
Daniel A. Neifert, Creighton, Nebraska.

CALIFORNIA YEARLY MEETING

Edwin McGrew, *Chairman,* 505 N. Raymond St., Pasadena, California.
Frank W. Dell, 515 East Camilla St., Whittier, Cal.
R. Ernest Lamb, 950 West 17th St., Los Angeles, Cal.
Paul Younger, R. F. D., Garden Grove, California.
Fred Schroeder, Ramona, California.
Blaine G. Bronner, Denair, California.
William O. Mendenhall, Whittier, California.
H. A. Hinshaw, 2607 Woolsey St., Berkeley, California.
Anna Dozier, Stanford Way, Whittier, California.
Thomas W. Bewley, Bank of America Bldg., Whittier, Cal.

6. Our hearts were gladdened by the presence with us of fraternal delegates from over-seas, whose minutes of introduction and release for service were read in our hearing.

With letters from Dublin Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends were present Isaac Swain, a minister, from Cork, Ireland, and John Henry Sinton, a minister, with Dorothy M. Sinton, his wife, an overseer, from County Armagh, North Ireland.

London Yearly Meeting representatives were introduced by a letter from John H. Robson, Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings; William F. Nicholson, Recording Clerk of London Yearly Meeting, and E. Marion Nicholson, his wife; Francis L. P. Sturge and Edith M. R. Sturge, his wife, former wardens at Woodbrooke; Karlin Capper Johnson, a member of Welwyn Garden City Meeting, and an active worker in the international peace cause; Eileen M. Theobald, Clerk of Bedfordshire Quarterly Meeting; Cath-

erine E. Marsh, a member of the Meeting for Sufferings.

These esteemed Friends from Dublin and London Yearly Meetings are truly welcomed into friendship and service with us.

7. From the Society of Friends in Jamaica, B. W. I., have come missionaries on furlough after long years of devoted labor—Mary E. White, for forty years a servant of God in that island, and Sada F. Stanley, who has given thirty-six years in similar Gospel witnessing; with their associates, Allan A. Jacobs, a minister, Adlyn Kissoon, a student and prospective teacher.

8. France Yearly Meeting is represented by J. Mahlon Harvey, with a letter of introduction from Paris Friends.

9. Credentials were read for Katherine L. Haviland and Nasri Khatlar, as fraternal delegates from Syria and Palestine Yearly Meeting, neither of whom could be present.

10. A letter was read from Cuba Yearly Meeting naming fraternal delegates. Of these, Srta. Dra. Concha Castoneda was present, and Dr. Ramon Morell Agramonte and Dr. Miguel A. Tamayo were expected later.

11. Turning to our own country, the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity again named a large group of representative Friends to act as fraternal delegates. These Friends responded to their names and have been warmly greeted in the fellowship of service to our Lord and Master. Those present are:

J. Henry Bartlett, Tuckertown, New Jersey.
J. Passmore Elkinton, Moylan, Pennsylvania.
Paul J. Furnas, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.
Walter W. and Olive R. Haviland, Lansdowne, Pa.
Naomi B. Kelsey, Haverford, Pennsylvania.
Caroline L. Nicholson, Westtown, Pennsylvania.
Joseph and Mary Emlen Stokes, Moorestown, N. J.

James G. and Ruth R. Vail, Media, Pennsylvania.

David G. and Florence P. Yarnall, Hamilton Court, 39th and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

Eleanor Cadbury, 408 East Woodlawn Avenue, Germantown, Pa.

Richard H. Rhoads, Moorestown, New Jersey.

Joseph E. Platt, Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa.

Alfred C. Garrett, Logan, Philadelphia, Pa.

Elizabeth B. Jones, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

Anna Hartshorne Brown, Westtown, Pennsylvania.

12. Various Quarterly, Monthly, and local meetings have also named fraternal delegates, and their letters further extended our friendly fellowship.

Salem Quarterly Meeting, Oregon, Alice E. Edmundson, an elder, and Marguerite P. Elliott, an overseer.

Newberg Monthly Meeting, Oregon, Ward W. Silver and Jane R. Silver.

An especially cordial greeting was extended to Levi T. Pennington and Rebecca Pennington, of Pacific College.

Purchase (N. Y.) Quarterly Meeting, General Conference, J. Franklin Brown and Frances G. Brown.

Florida Avenue Meeting, Washington, D. C., Frederick J. Libby.

Canadian Young Friends Association, representing the three Yearly Meetings in Canada: Catherine Pollard, Beatrice McKenzie, and John Petrie.

A letter was read from Connecticut Valley Association of Friends expressing fraternal good wishes.

13. The Committee on Organization, composed of Chairmen of the respective delegations, is as follows:

Baltimore—Lindley D. Clark

California—Edwin McGrew

Canada—Ella R. Firth
Indiana—William J. Sayers
Iowa—Richard R. Newby
Kansas—Frank Davies
Nebraska—M. Herbert Watson
New England—Lindley M. Binford, Chairman
New York—Eleanor W. Taber
North Carolina—Clyde A. Milner
Western—Alvin T. Coate
Wilmington—Wendell G. Farr, Secretary

14. The delegations have appointed the following persons to constitute the Business Committee.

Baltimore—J. Hoge Ricks
California—R. Ernest Lamb
Canada—G. Raymond Booth
Indiana—Edgar H. Stranahan
Iowa—Frederic E. Carter
Kansas—Gervas A. Carey
Nebraska—Norman E. Young
New England—James A. Coney
New York—L. Hollingsworth Wood, Chairman
North Carolina—Samuel L. Haworth
Western—O. Herschel Folger, Secretary
Wilmington—A. Ward Applegate

15. The Meeting is grateful to Isa N. Johnson for two vases of beautiful chrysanthemums sent in memory of her father, Timothy Nicholson, and to Joseph Hill for two equally lovely clusters of mixed autumn flowers.

16. Rufus M. Jones was then introduced and addressed the Meeting on the topic, "Friends and the Mind of Christ for Today."

The Meeting then adjourned to tomorrow morning at 9:30.

FOURTH DAY, THE TWENTY-THIRD
9:30 a. m.

17. The Meeting convened according to adjournment. The minutes of the meeting last evening were read and approved.

18. Frank W. Dell asked the cooperation of the Meeting in securing motion pictures of the Five Years Meeting —a service he had been encouraged to undertake by the Executive Committee.

19. For the Committee on Organization, Lindley M. Binford reported the following nominations for Clerks:

Presiding Clerk, Rufus M. Jones, New England Yearly Meeting;

Assistant Presiding Clerk, J. Hoge Ricks, Baltimore Yearly Meeting;

Recording Clerk, Albert L. Copeland, Western Yearly Meeting;

Reading Clerk, Mary H. Terrell, Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

Announcing Clerk, Leslie D. Shaffer, Indiana Yearly Meeting.

These were severally considered, approved and appointed to the positions indicated.

The Committee also proposed the following persons to serve the Meeting as Pages, and they were appointed: Marie Cassell, Beatrice McKenzie, George A. Badgley, Lindley J. Cook, Kenneth Holst, Robert Jones, Miriam Cooper, and George Hartman.

20. The Meeting expressed its hearty appreciation of the services of all the retiring Clerks.

21. Willard O. Trueblood, California, General Chairman of Commission I, on Meeting Leadership and Evangelism, addressed the Meeting on Friends and the Gospel

Outreach. He led us to the conclusion that Friends' principles of loving, sacrificial service to all who need the Gospel of Christ offer, under God, unlimited outreach to our body in the transformation of the world order into the Christian order.

22. Milton H. Hadley, Western, Chairman of the section on Evangelism, sketched the nature of a well rounded evangelistic program and its possibilities in reaching all men, mentioning many phases of the subject for further discussion.

23. David E. Henley, California, Chairman of the section on Meeting Leadership, suggested many points touching adequate leadership in the work and worship of Friends.

24. Following the introductory statements of the section chairmen, Willard O. Trueblood, General Chairman of Commission I, presided while a discussion of various topics was engaged in by many, including Fraternal Delegates.

FOURTH DAY, THE TWENTY-THIRD

2:00 p. m.

25. The Meeting convened at two o'clock. The minutes of the morning session were read.

26. In a period devoted to remembrance of those who have served the Meeting, Walter C. Woodward, Secretary of the Executive Committee, read the following tribute:

IN MEMORIAM

In a group such as ours which stresses personality as the substance and significance of life, a pause for memorial appreciation is peculiarly appropriate. At the heart of our faith is a Divine Person. Our doctrine of immediacy with him affects our organization and procedure as it dominates our religious experience. It is the genius of the Society of Friends to build more upon persons and less upon machinery. Persons become infinitely more than cogs—they are the radiators of the Divine Spirit among men.

This is true of all our meeting life at whatever level. On an occasion such as this we naturally and properly think in terms of the larger, united group. Whatever service the Five Years Meeting has been able to render to American Quakerism, and through it to the world, it has rendered through men and women who have had a vision of the far places of attainment for Friends and who have also helped us to take the immediate step in the direction of the distant goal. Indeed, they themselves in their daily lives have embodied these forward steps of spiritual achievement.

A review of the years that have intervened since last we met in this capacity, shows how heavy has been the toll of our loss. Within this period five members of the Executive Committee have passed from us:

John R. Cary: His was an inspired and unifying service whose influence cannot be measured. In him were unflagging faithfulness, keen discernment, undisturbed courage and unfaltering hope. As Presiding Clerk, and in all his relationships, he combined sound judgment and a sense of spiritual direction, with a quickness of perception and a facility of expression that often enabled him to express a group judgment that was otherwise still inarticulate. John R. Cary was the embodiment and symbol of the Five Years Meeting at its highest and best. He was a "prophet of the long road," and in direct prophetic succession, we pay tribute to his son, Richard L. Cary, who died while incarnating in Germany the spiritual ideals which John R. Cary proclaimed and lived.

Ellison R. Purdy: Master Preacher of the abundant life, of which he was a fine exemplar. He was known in our counsels for his vigor of spirit, his aggressiveness in action, for his virile and abounding enthusiasm. He loved life in its fulness. There was a freshness and depth to his preaching that showed him to be in close and continuous connection with the springs of eternal life. His life and ministry were as an overflowing fountain.

W. Spencer Hadley: A Good Steward for Christ—a workman who needed not to be ashamed. We saw in him one who approximated our ideal of the Christian man of affairs. His business was held as a trust for God—and not only his business and its returns, but all his time, his talents and his limited physical strength. He was uniformly sympathetic and helpful, as warmly appreciative of the service of others as he was concerned that he should do well his own part in

building the Kingdom on earth. His was the strength of gentleness and fidelity.

S. Edgar Nicholson: Seer and statesman he, combining insight and vision with the capacity for shaping wise policies and bringing them to pass. As he towered above most men physically, so he towered among us for the vigor of his personality, for his grasp of the big issues of life, and for the ability and resourcefulness with which he met them. Not only in his special field of temperance reform but in our other testimonies, he embodied the true Quaker concern for human welfare and was in the succession of the Friendly prophets of social betterment; and he matched all with deep spiritual devotion and discernment. Whether as legislator, reformer, journalist, administrator, Presiding Clerk, preacher, or Concerned Friend at large, S. Edgar Nicholson acquitted himself with distinction.

William P. Firth: An Englishman by birth, a Canadian by residence, a Friend by convincement, Dr. William P. Firth became actively and helpfully identified with American Quakerism as a whole. There was the robustness of the oak in his personality. He was indefatigable in service and tireless in good works. Breadth of understanding and ready compassion made him a valued friend to those in trouble. With all his strength he was quick and tender in sympathy, especially for young people among whom he worked as educator. Big hearted and generous, he had a whimsical humor which made him a delightful friend and companion.

All these were taken from positions of responsibility—they died in harness so to speak. Within the same period others have passed on who have also wrought largely among us, but somewhat earlier in the history of the Five Years Meeting. Three of them served this body as Presiding Clerk:

Edmund Stanley: One of the builders of our united body, he was ever concerned that we build on the one sure foundation, other than which no man may safely lay. Uncompromising in conviction, he was valiant for the evangelical faith. He was one of the pioneers in our field of higher education.

Joseph John Mills: Thorough scholar, able administrator, and eloquent preacher, he contributed richly to the life of the Society in various fields. With rare graciousness and dignity, he presided over this body, and then became its first executive officer, charting untried paths of united action.

Robert E. Pretlow: Strong and stalwart exponent of the Friendly interpretation of life, to proclaim which he sacrificed a professional career. What he forcibly proclaimed as preacher, he helped the Society of Friends to achieve in action in the presence of national emergency. He combined vigor of personality with richness of culture.

Within this period, too, have passed two who have served this body as Assistant Clerks: Lyndon L. Hobbs, Christian scholar whose name was long almost synonymous with Guilford College, and North Carolina Yearly Meeting, who was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Mendenhall Hobbs, distinguished in her own right as Christian and scholar, who was for a time a member of our Executive Committee; and Ella M. Barrett, whose wholesome, Friendly personality will be recalled with appreciation by many Friends.

Three other departed Friends had been active members of the Executive Committee in previous years. In the earlier days of our organization, Harry R. Keates was Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism and Church Extension, a work which was always paramount with him. The warmth and fervency of his gospel message will long be remembered. In his well balanced judgment and quiet effectiveness, Stephen M. Hadley was valued as counsellor and friend. He was known and appreciated for clarity of thought and purity of motive. Albert S. Rogers was another of our Canadian Friends, whose interests were as inclusive as his warm sympathies were broad. We cherish the memory of him for his generous cooperation but not more than for the ever gracious spirit that flowered in him so beautifully.

In the brief period at our disposal, we cannot speak of all who are deserving of a place in this record. Among those clearly identified with the development of our united work, however, was one whom all would accord large place in these short annals of love and appreciation. We refer to Charles E. Tebbetts, a world-wide Friend, missionary, statesman and ambassador-at-large for Jesus Christ. He was the Executive Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board during the ten years of its formative period. Few have equalled him in his utter devotion of time, energy, and thought, physical strength and financial means to the interests of the Kingdom. And with him we include his devoted wife, Imelda A. Tebbetts, whose passing so shortly preceded his. In this connection we include the name of George H. Moore, former Chairman of the Foreign Board and member of the Executive

Committee of the Five Years Meeting, a faithful publisher of truth and a reconciler of spirits.

All these were many Friends of many minds. They were of one heart, however, in their devotion to the Kingdom, and with one accord they sought the mind of Christ for themselves and for the Society of Friends as represented by the Five Years Meeting. Thus our fellowship was enriched by their very differences, as we were inspired by their united service of loyalty to truth.

27. The Executive Committee, by the Secretary, Walter C. Woodward, presented the following report which is referred to the Business Committee for consideration of the various recommendations. In connection with this report the Meeting recorded tribute to Isaac T. Johnson for his extended and faithful service as Chairman of the Executive Committee, for the service rendered by the Secretary, Walter C. Woodward, and for that of Alvin T. Coate; also for the faithfulness of all connected with the administration of the work of the Meeting. (See Minute 47—(3), (4), (5), (6) for action taken on report.)

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

The Executive Committee appointed in 1927 submits herewith its report for the eight-year period just closing.

I. Organization, Membership and Meetings

At a meeting held at Richmond, Indiana, October 24, 1927, at the time of the sessions of the Five Years Meeting, the newly appointed Committee organized with the election of the following officers:—

Chairman, Homer L. Morris, Richmond, Indiana.

Secretary, Walter C. Woodward, Richmond, Indiana.

Central Committee, Homer L. Morris and
William O. Mendenhall, Wichita, Kansas.
Richard R. Newby, Plainfield, Indiana.
John R. Cary, Baltimore, Maryland.
Laurenna H. Farquhar, Wilmington, Ohio.

Changes in personnel of the Executive Committee and the Central Committee since 1927 are as follows:

1. In May, 1929, William E. Berry succeeded Thomas R. Kelly as representative of the Peace Association. Lindley D. Clark was appointed by Baltimore Yearly Meeting to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John R. Cary. In the reorganization of the Mission Board, Howard W. Cope succeeded Homer L. Morris on the Executive Committee and was appointed to take the place of John R. Cary on the Central Committee. Isaac T. Johnson was appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee and thus of the Central Committee.

2. In May, 1930, Clyde A. Milner succeeded Sumner A. Mills as representative of the Young Friends Board, and Raymond Binford succeeded David M. Edwards for the Board of Education.

3. In May, 1931, Walter H. Wilson became the representative of Nebraska Yearly Meeting, succeeding Theodore Foxworthy who had removed to Iowa.

4. In April, 1934, Theodore Foxworthy became a member, representing the Board of Missions and filling the vacancy caused by the death of Ellison R. Purdy. Alvin T. Coate succeeded Richard R. Newby on the Central Committee, the latter having ceased to be a member of the Executive Committee with his removal to Iowa.

Meetings Held

Following the meeting for organization held on October 24, 1927, the Committee held a meeting in the following December. Annual meetings of the Committee were held thereafter on the dates given below. It should be noted, however, that in 1933 and again in April, 1935, in order to save expenses, the Central Committee met and transacted the necessary business. The last meeting of the Committee was held October 21, 1935, for the purpose of concluding the business of the Committee for presentation to the approaching sessions of the Five Years Meeting.

May 17, 1928	April 30, 1931	April 26, 1934
May 16, 1929	April 28, 1932	April 25, 1935
May 8, 1930	April 27, 1933	

II. Action on Matters Referred to the Executive Committee by the Five Years Meeting in 1927

1. *Appointment of Committee on care of aged and infirm ministers and missionaries.*

In accordance with the recommendation made by the Five Years Meeting, a special committee composed of Ellison R. Purdy, S. Edgar Nicholson, and Lindley M. Binford, was appointed to continue and complete the study of methods and plans for the care of aged and infirm ministers and missionaries. After giving attention to possible plans for insurance and pensions, the committee reported in 1931 that in view of the smallness of our denominational group, and of other inhibiting conditions, it did not seem practicable to go forward in the matter. In the meantime, this same committee served as a sub-committee to administer the current funds for relief raised through the United Budget. At the meeting of the Executive Committee held in April, 1934, Howard W. Cope and Alvin T. Coate were appointed to take the places of Ellison R. Purdy and S. Edgar Nicholson, deceased, on this Disbursing Committee, and to seek out two Friends, not necessarily members of the Executive Committee, who, with members of the sub-committee, would give attention to some more adequate plan for meeting the needs of retired ministers and workers. Burritt M. Hiatt, of Wilmington, Ohio, and Jesse O. Parshall, of Richmond, Indiana, were subsequently appointed to this service. The entire committee of five has the matter under consideration as indicated by the following statement:

"After very careful consideration of the whole matter of adequate relief of aged ministers and missionaries, we feel the time has come when there should be a definite policy established in our whole system in the accumulation and distribution of these funds. We would like to suggest that the new committee to be appointed give careful consideration to the following matters:

a. The advisability of asking the various Yearly Meetings of the Five Years Meeting to pool all their funds available for this purpose the same to be distributed by this committee.

b. The accumulation of a larger fund by the Yearly Meetings, either by apportionment or by the creation of an endowment fund.

c. That each Yearly Meeting be asked to appoint a suitable person, or committee, to have this matter in charge, this person or the chairman of the committee to be ex-officio member of the Five Years Meeting Committee.

d. That a more equitable method of distribution of said funds, based upon actual needs and length of service rendered, be formulated."

The report of the sub-committee on the distribution of relief funds is submitted as follows.

"The members of the sub-committee having to do with the disbursement of united funds for the relief of aged ministers and mis-

sionaries have attended to their duties to the best of their judgment and to the extent of the limited funds available.

"The committee has been distributing annually to from fifteen to twenty beneficiaries, in quarterly payments, and in amounts ranging from $20 to $75 per quarter. Occasionally, single payments have been made to cover an emergency or urgent need. At no time during the last few years has the amount distributed per quarter exceeded $900. During the past two years no quarterly disbursement has exceeded $680. In no case has the allotment been sufficient to meet urgent and pressing need.

"Let us not forget that every case represents a man or woman who has ministered to the interests of the Church either at home or abroad throughout the period of his ability to serve, without material return that more than met his daily needs. When the time of inability to serve arrives because of illness or age, there are many who have no sources of income, or relatives who can render necessary aid. It is such cases as these that we have to consider, and our hearts are deeply touched as we get the story of their situations and face the fact that the funds at our disposal admit of but pitifully small allowance in a relatively few cases."

2. *Plan to relieve the Five Years Meeting of indebtedness.*

At the time of the sessions in 1927, the Five Years Meeting had an indebtedness of approximately $40,000 represented in notes payable to local banks. Some $27,000 of this amount was owed by our Mission Boards. While having a proper concern for the entire amount, the Executive Committee was directly responsible for something over $12,000 represented in Promotion notes. To care for this indebtedness, the Executive Committee included, for three successive years, the amount of $5,000 in the United Budget. While the full amount entered was not realized, inasmuch as this item received only its percentage of the funds received, this indebtedness was finally reduced to $3,539.45. In April, 1935, the Publication Board, which had already made a contribution of $500, took over this obligation from the bank. In the meantime, the Mission Board, as is explained in its report, liquidated its own indebtedness. We are now able to report that, apart from the obligation to the Publication Board, as indicated above, and with the exception of a $3500 mortgage on the Central Office property, held by Indiana Yearly Meeting, the Five Years Meeting organization is now free of indebtedness. We feel that this is a meritorious achievement especially in view of the fact that it has been accomplished during the lean years of the depression period.

3. *Question of employing a full-time Treasurer.*

The question of employing a full-time Treasurer was investigated by the Committee and found to be impractical. On the other hand,

vised organization of the Five Years Meeting as authorized by the latter at its 1927 session, and the work was performed accordingly.

12. *Committee on Arrangements for Five Years Meeting sessions.*

In accordance with action taken in 1927 (Minute 63), the Executive Committee appointed a Committee on Arrangements, with representation from each Yearly Meeting, to plan the program for the sessions of the Five Years Meeting in 1935. Covering a period of more than a year in advance of the sessions, frequent meetings were held by the Sub-Committee on Program which, in communication with members of the general committee, arranged the program under which we are now proceeding in these sessions.

III. Other Matters Considered and Acted Upon

1. *Appointment of Treasurer and Auditor.*

At its meeting in December, 1927, Edwin G. Crawford, of Richmond, Indiana, and Francis A. Wright, Jr., of Kansas City, Missouri, were reelected as Treasurer and Auditor, respectively, of the Five Years Meeting. At a meeting of the Central Committee held in April, 1933, action was taken which resulted in the appointment as Auditor of Jesse O. Parshall, of Richmond, to succeed Francis A. Wright, Jr., who had given a long and faithful service in this capacity. While the work of the latter had been entirely satisfactory, it was felt that both for purpose of counsel, which a resident Auditor could give, and for reduction of expense such a change was practicable.

2. *Organization of Central Office Staff.*

At the December, 1927, meeting of the Committee, it was decided to separate the Editorial and General Secretarial functions at the Central Office, and to provide for a General Secretary to represent the Five Years Meeting with the Yearly Meetings and among other groups and to have charge of the work of the central organization under the direction of the Executive Committee. At the May meeting in 1928, the Central Committee reported that a diligent search of the entire area of the Five Years Meeting had not resulted in finding a man to serve in this capacity who was both qualified and available. Pending the continued search, the work in question was provided for as follows:

1. That Walter Woodward assume the following duties—
   (a) Editor of *The American Friend.*
   (b) Circulation Manager of *The American Friend.*

(c) Representative of the Five Years Meeting in Interdenominational relationships.

(d) Secretary of the Executive Committee. (In this capacity he would care for the correspondence which would ordinarily come to the Executive Secretary.)

(e) Authorized Head of the Central Offices.

2. That in addition to his duties as General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, B. Willis Beede be appointed Chairman of the Promotion Committee and made responsible for directing the work of United Promotion.

In May, 1929, the Central Committee reported that in reviewing the correspondence with members of the Executive Committee, and in reviewing the situation as it had developed in the intervening period, it had become quite clear that a different type of service than that formerly conceived was now needed. Instead of an administrative and organizing service, the concern was expressed for a "flaming evangel of a great spiritual dynamic." Inasmuch as such a service was involved in the spiritual resources of the new Board of Missions, it was recommended, after conference with representatives of the Mission Board, that the Board and the Executive Committee cooperate in the securing and support of a Secretary who would give his time to the development of the spiritual life of the Five Years Meeting and its membership. The recommendation was adopted, with the understanding that the Secretary would work under the direction of the Executive Committee. The selection of the right person was referred to the Central Committee.

From June, 1929, to May, 1930, the Committee cooperated in the support of Charles O. Whitely, Acting Administrative Secretary of the Mission Board, in promotional and spiritual resources work. Meanwhile, the Central Committee approved the selection of Errol T. Elliott for the post in mind, and he was appointed by the Executive Committee at its meeting in May, 1930, beginning his work August 1.

At its April meeting in 1931, the Executive Committee loaned Errol Elliott to the Mission Board at its request, in view of an emergency situation that had developed in the prospective retirement of its two executive staff officers. In 1932, he was released by the Executive Committee for administrative work with the Mission Board.

On June 1, 1934, Errol Elliott was relieved of his service as Administrative Secretary of the Mission Board, and for the fiscal year

ending March 31, 1935, he resumed his original service under the direction of the Central Committee, serving as Chairman of the United Promotion Committee, and cultivating the interests of the Five Years Meeting in all its phases, including Missions, the Mission Board cooperating financially. Since March 31, 1935, he has continued his work under the direction of the Executive Committee, which provides for his support.

3. *Fixing assessments and United Budget estimates.*

Each year it has been the task of the Executive Committee to appraise the minimum needs of our Boards and agencies, and to fix the estimates to be included in the United Budget for the current fiscal year. This is a heavy responsibility at best, and it has been increasingly so during this period of financial difficulty and decreasing returns. The figures involved will be found in the report of the Treasurer.

In cooperation with the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee has also fixed the rate of Yearly Meeting assessment for administrative expenses, as provided in the Discipline. For many years this rate had been in the neighborhood of ten and eleven cents per member. Some Yearly Meetings had fallen considerably in arrears in their payments, and in 1934, the Executive Committee addressed a statement to them regarding the situation. After explaining the methods by which our united work is financed, the Committee set forth how by rigid reduction, the assessments had been reduced from ten and one-half cents to four and one-half cents per member. Expressing sympathy with these Yearly Meetings, in the difficult conditions of the past few years, the Committee said: "We are prepared to cancel these arrears in the hope that, from now on, you will be able to meet the low current assessments, and thus carry your proportionate responsibility for these fixed expenses of the united work."

Despite the low per capita rate of the past few years, however, a few Yearly Meetings have failed to make appropriations sufficient to cover their assessments. In view of the fact that the budget has been drastically cut to cover only the bare necessities of the work, this failure on the part of a few Yearly Meetings works a distinct hardship, throwing a disproportionate burden upon the others. Fellowship as constituent Yearly Meetings in the body of the Five Years Meeting should not be conditioned on ability to pay, and we would deprive no Yearly Meeting of this fellowship for financial considerations. On the other hand, we must recognize that there are

certain obligations to be shared, and if the Disciplinary provision is to be followed, it will have to be on some equalitarian basis recognized by all.

4. *Appointments of representatives to meeting of the Federal Council.*

Since 1927, the Executive Committee has appointed representatives of the Five Years Meeting to attend the meetings of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and to serve as members of that body during the ensuing periods.

As delegates to the quadrennial meeting held at Rochester, New York, December, 1928, the following were appointed: William O. Mendenhall, Walter C. Woodward, S. Edgar Nicholson, Rufus M. Jones, Lenora N. Hobbs, John R. Cary. Alternates: B. Willis Beede, Edgar H. Stranahan, O. Herschel Folger, L. Hollingsworth Wood, Clara I. Cox, Frank W. Dell.

The concern was expressed in the Committee that Friends may have some contribution to make in connection with the rapid progress being made in this country toward Church unity. The above named delegation to the Federal Council was charged with following the developments in the field of Church unity and keeping the Executive Committee in touch with them.

To represent Friends at the quadrennial meeting of the Council held at Indianapolis in December, 1932, the following were appointed: Walter C. Woodward, Lenora N. Hobbs, David M. Edwards, Charles M. Woodman, Rufus M. Jones, Errol T. Elliott. Alternates: Alvin T. Coate, William O. Mendenhall, L. Hollingsworth Wood, O. Herschel Folger, Sylvester Jones, Clara I. Cox.

At the Indianapolis meeting of the Federal Council a change in organization was effected, providing for biennial, instead of quadrennial, meetings on a more limited basis of representation. As members of the Council to attend the biennial meeting held at Dayton, Ohio, December, 1934, the following were appointed: Walter C. Woodward, Edgar H. Stranahan, O. Herschel Folger, Charles M. Woodman. Alternates: Laurenna H. Farquhar, Errol T. Elliott, Lenora N. Hobbs, William J. Sayers.

5. *On greater care in recording ministers.*

To our meeting in May, 1930, came a concern from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, through its Superintendent, Lewis W. McFarland, having to do with changes in the manner of recording minis-

ters for the purpose of raising the standards of ministerial service. The concern was welcomed as timely, and Charles O. Whitely, Richard R. Newby, and Laurenna H. Farquhar were appointed as a committee to make a study of the question. In reporting to the Executive Committee in April, 1932, Richard R. Newby explained the various methods which had been adopted by those Yearly Meetings which had taken action supplementing the regular procedure as provided for in the Uniform Discipline. The Executive Committee advised that this information be kept in the Central Office for reference. Furthermore, the Executive Committee, in the interest of a more guarded and uniform system of recording, went on record as encouraging our constituent Yearly Meetings to consider favorably some plan of procedure requiring Yearly Meeting action, calling particular attention to the plan of Iowa Yearly Meeting. At the instruction of the Committee, this Minute was submitted by the Secretary to the Clerks of the various Yearly Meetings.

6. *Revision of statistical blanks and more uniform directories.*

A concern came to the Committee in 1928, from the Executive Council of California Yearly Meeting, that there be a revision and unification of Friends statistical blanks. A committee, composed of Edna E. Wetherald, Albert L. Copeland, and Francis A. Wright, Jr., was appointed to undertake a study and outline of existing blanks and to make a recommendation to the Committee. In 1930, Edna Wetherald reported that considerable investigation had been made, but that it did not seem practicable to go forward. It seemed to the Executive Committee that what is most needed is more uniform directory information as presented in the Minutes of the various Yearly Meetings. A committee, composed of Edgar H. Stranahan, Richard R. Newby, and Walter C. Woodward, drafted an outline of uniform directory data, which it submitted to the Yearly Meetings for consideration.

7. *Question of relationship to Independent Meetings.*

In May, 1929, there was presented to the Executive Committee a communication from the Representative Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Arch Street, calling attention to the development of independent meetings over the country and proposing the holding of a conference or a series of conferences to consider questions of status and relationship which had arisen. The cooperation of the Executive Committees of the Five Years Meeting and of the Friends

General Conference was asked in planning and holding such a conference. As our representatives in the latter, the Executive Committee appointed Ruthanna M. Simms, Walter C. Woodward, S. Edgar Nicholson, William J. Sayers, Lewis C. Moon, Lyra T. Wolkins, Benjamin F. Andrews. In 1930 a report of the conference was made to the Executive Committee, including a statement drawn up by the conference encouraging independent meetings and their progress, and suggesting that the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting, the Executive Committee of the Friends General Conference, and the Representative Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Arch Street, go as far as possible in recognizing these independent meetings, and proposing that a new committee be appointed to work jointly for the welfare of the independent groups and to consider the advisability of further conferences on the subject. In response to this overture, a committee, composed of Walter C. Woodward, Elizabeth L. Hazard, David E. Henley, Margaret T. Carey, H. Clark Bedford, Lyra T. Wolkins, and William J. Sayers, was appointed "to maintain sympathetic contact with independent meetings, to cooperate with similar bodies of Friends, and to keep the Executive Committee informed of the developments." Scattered as it was, this committee was unable to meet, and the Committee reported in 1931 that there had been little or no concerted action during the year, but that there had been some correspondence on the matter. While no definite recommendations have come to the Executive Committee on the subject, it senses the importance of the development of the independent meetings and feels that in cooperation with other groups we should work out some more definite plan of relationship and status than now exists.

8. *Communications to constituent Yearly Meetings.*

From time to time, the Executive Committee has sent communications to the constituent Yearly Meetings, sometimes giving information and explanation of policy, but more especially, under the impulsion of concerns arising in our group, giving messages of spiritual encouragement to the membership.

9. *Amendment for revision of Queries—necessary new edition of Discipline.*

At the meeting in May, 1929, the Secretary reported to the Executive Committee that ten Yearly Meetings had ratified the amendment proposed by the Five Years Meeting in 1927 for the revision of the Queries, as follows:

Meeting	*Minute*	*Time of Yearly Meeting*
Baltimore	32	November 16-20, 1927
Nebraska	18	June 6-10, 1928
California	15	June 19-24, 1928
New England	25	June 22-27, 1928
North Carolina	34	August 7-11, 1928
Wilmington	70	August 14-18, 1928
Western	22	August 21-26, 1928
Iowa	26	August 28—September 1, 1928
Indiana	51	August 28—September 2, 1928
Kansas	75	October 16-21, 1928

Since this constituted the necessary four-fifths majority, the Executive Committee entered it as a matter of record that the revised Queries as entered in the Minutes for 1927 (Minute 81, page 126) were now an integral part of the Uniform Discipline.

Allen D. Hole and William O. Mendenhall were appointed to cooperate with the Secretary in editing the revision of the Uniform Discipline, bringing it in harmony with procedure and changes growing out of the sessions of 1927.

10. *World Conference on Faith and Order.*

At its meeting in May, 1929, the Committee appointed Alfred C. Garrett, Rufus M. Jones, and Frank W. Dell as representatives to the World Conference on Faith and Order. In April, 1932, it appointed Alfred C. Garrett and Mary Goodhue Cary to represent us at the meeting of the Continuation Committee of the World Conference held in Germany in August of that year.

11. *Concerning Special Bible School Offerings.*

The following recommendation was made at the meeting of the Committee held October 21, 1935: "For the purpose of creating a larger interest in the entire program of our united service, we recommend that Bible Schools be encouraged to give their monthly offerings to the United Budget, instead of designating them to any one part of that Budget."

IV. Service Rendered by the Executive Committee

1. *Through the Office of the Secretary.*

Through its Secretary and the Central Office, the Executive Committee seeks to give service in many ways to our constituent membership and to Friends and the public generally. As indicative of the nature of this work, a few features are mentioned:

While the office does not pose as an employment agency, we are always glad to make use of the information at our disposal to assist meetings when they ask for suggestions relative to workers, and, on

the other hand, we do what we can to aid workers, pastors, and others in finding suitable openings for service.

We endeavor to gather and compile such directory data as are frequently requested. With the drastic reduction of our staff within recent years, we have not been able to do as much in this direction as would be desirable, but try especially to keep up to date the ever changing directory of pastors and key members throughout the Five Years Meeting.

The office of the Secretary takes care of the clerical and administrative work of the Five Years Meeting in connection with the Yearly Meetings and in other connections. It is ever ready to render any service possible to officers and committees of the Yearly Meetings.

Through *The American Friend* and in other ways, the Secretary gives publicity to the enterprises of the Five Years Meeting, encouraging Friends in the support of our united work.

Through the office we keep in contact with the cooperative work of American Protestantism through the Federal Council, and it serves as a channel of information between Friends and interdenominational groups and other religious bodies.

One of the very important services rendered by the office is that of giving information to inquirers concerning the principles and activities of Friends. Very frequently letters come in asking in regard to Friends' literature on certain subjects, and asking what Friends believe on this and that question. In the absence of adequate pamphlet information for distribution, such inquiries must be answered by personal correspondence.

In quite an inclusive way, the office serves as clearing house for a variety of miscellaneous matters which relate to Friends, directly and indirectly.

As way opens and he can find time for the service, the Secretary welcomes the opportunity of getting out into the meetings and interpreting in person, through message and friendly contact, the ideals and concerns of Friends as represented by the Five Years Meeting.

2. *Through Promotion Committee and the work of Errol T. Elliott.*

The work of Errol T. Elliott during the first year of his employment by the Five Years Meeting consisted mainly of visitation and making acquaintance with the personnel and problems of the various Yearly Meetings. During this period he visited most of the Yearly Meetings in session and in many cases followed a schedule of inten-

sive visitation among local meetings, in some cases holding short series of meetings in different localities.

Following his service with the Board of Missions, from the period beginning in June, 1934, he has, as Chairman of the Promotion Committee, developed sets of wall charts depicting the work of the Five Years Meeting in all of its departments. Using these as a basis, schedules of visitation by himself or others have been followed in most of the Quarterly Meeting sessions of the following Yearly Meetings: Western, Indiana, Wilmington, Iowa, North Carolina, and New England. He has also visited extensively in New York Yearly Meeting.

More recently he has visited the sessions of Nebraska, two meetings within that Yearly Meeting, Puget Sound Quarterly Meeting of Indiana Yearly Meeting, Oregon Yearly Meeting in annual session, and California Yearly Meeting. In the latter, an extensive schedule of visitation took him into most of the meetings of that Yearly Meeting. On the return trip, three meetings in Kansas Yearly Meeting were visited.

Errol Elliott has arranged for visitation by several other Friends as well, in an effort to stimulate a better acquaintance and mutual helpfulness among Friends.

Letters were sent to all delegates to the Five Years Meeting and to other Friends, aside from Indiana, Western, and Wilmington Yearly Meetings, asking them to visit meetings en route to the sessions. A number of Friends responded favorably and used the suggestions of the office in locating meetings.

There are many opportunities for rendering a service of exchange in the visits among Friends that are too intangible for a report. The Chairman of the Promotion Committee has a number of specific projects in mind for the year ahead for the purpose of making the Central Offices more useful to Yearly Meetings and for disseminating more widely among Friends information regarding the Five Years Meeting. The chief aim is to keep the central purpose of Friends clear in seeking to meet the full measure of our task to which we are called today. It is his aim not merely to carry a proper amount of responsibility in this, but also to place more sense of responsibility on other Friends for developing the Friendly consciousness among us.

For the Executive Committee,

Isaac T. Johnson, *Chairman*
Walter C. Woodward, *Secretary*
Richmond, Indiana, Oct. 21, 1935

28. The Business Committee reported its organization as follows:

L. Hollingsworth Wood, New York, Chairman
Edgar H. Stranahan, Indiana, Vice Chairman
O. Herschel Folger, Western, Secretary

29. Fraternal delegates from Cuba were introduced and welcomed, namely, Dr. Miguel Tamayo and Dr. Ramon Morrell Agramonte.

30. Communications from Yearly Meetings were presented as follows, and were referred to the Business Committee:

FROM CALIFORNIA YEARLY MEETING

California Yearly Meeting in session June 22 to June 29, 1932, directed that the following action be sent to the Five Years Meeting for its consideration.

1. We exhort that all Yearly Meetings and their members shall seek always to be filled with the Holy Spirit, through whom alone we may experientially know God, and rightly comprehend His Will as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

2. To this end we ask the Five Years Meeting, through its Executive Committee, its Boards and Publications, duly to emphasize the primary importance of evangelization; and to seek to teach the cardinal principles of Friends through a proper study of our threefold Declaration of Faith.

Not the least important factor in this connection is the appointment of suitable leadership. In our opinion, the Chairmen of all Boards, all employed Secretaries and all other officials should pledge themselves to an interpretation of Christian Faith, Life and Practice, which is in essential accord with our Constitution and Discipline.

3. We recognize many good features of *The American Friend* as a general religious journal. As such it is ably edited. But we are keenly concerned that more space be given in its columns to scriptural expositions of great Biblical truths relative to sin and salvation as the greatest urge to turn man to righteousness.

4. We hold that the Bible, as the Divinely inspired Word of God, should have the central place in the Christian College; that every student should take some Bible work each semester, and that none should be graduated therefrom without a clear understanding of its fundamental teachings regarding Divine Righteousness, human sin,

Divine Love, and the deity of Jesus; and that all professors employed in the capacity of teaching the Bible should be known to hold views consistent with the above doctrines.

5. We affirm that the doctrine of Peace is rooted and grounded in Christ, the Prince of Peace. Apart from His Gospel of Peace, there is no peace for anyone, certainly none for war-minded people, and no enduring security for nations. It is therefore not enough to write and preach about world peace without Christ's Gospel of Peace. The nations have declared war a crime; the Church of Jesus Christ must declare it an awful sin against God and all men.

Likewise Christian relief and reform must have an evangelistic objective. All true Christian service must be rendered in the Name of Christ and with the purpose of winning sinful men to Christ, their Saviour and Lord.

6. Believing as we do in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in His Atonement for sin on Calvary, we view with concern any movement on the part of any of the Yearly Meetings which compose the Five Years Meeting, or any of the Boards of the Five Years Meeting, which has in view the promotion of union with groups that believe otherwise. (See Minute 74-3.)

FROM WESTERN YEARLY MEETING

Western Yearly Meeting requests the Five Years Meeting to consider a change in our Uniform Discipline to the end that the distinction of Active and Associate members be eliminated, thus restoring birthright membership. (See Minute 74-2.)

FROM NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING

Nebraska Yearly Meeting feels the need of a suitable study or reading course for those persons who are recommended by their local meetings as ministers of the Gospel. We also feel that it would be advisable and desirable for such a course to be a uniform course which could be used in the various Yearly Meetings. It is our earnest hope that action will be taken in this matter by the Five Years Meeting at the forthcoming session. (See Minute 47-2.)

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE FRIENDLY TRAINING OF MINISTERS AND MEMBERS

In a quaint Quaker phrase, the Commission has given attention to the purpose of its appointment. With the hope of creating a popular interest in the study of Quakerism, a bureau of speakers was arranged in each Yearly Meeting. It was hoped that when it was announced that the speakers were available, local groups would plan to make use of them. That, however, has not been realized, and so far as we know nothing definite has come out of the project.

In the second place, we sent out an inquiry to the pastors in the Five Years Meeting asking them concerning their conception of the fundamental things in Quakerism, and their particular relationship to the meetings they serve; also asking them what training they thought a Friends Minister should have and what further training they themselves desire. Seventy-six replies were received in which very interesting and suggestive viewpoints were expressed.

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Although it is very difficult to make any statement of belief which is characteristic of Friends, it is strikingly true that the Society of Friends is the only religious group that has dared to hold meetings for worship on the basis of the immediate spiritual guidance of each individual and of the group as a whole. It is the only Christian denomination that has put the practice of the Communion entirely on a spiritual basis. In the third place, it has worked out a truly spiritual method of doing business. In other words, it has dared to discard the method of ruling by majorities and has substituted a method of deciding its problems on a spiritual basis.

Another result of these conferences was the realization of each group that in practice they were falling short of the ideals which they recognize as characteristic of the Society. This is a serious situation which should call forth the most earnest and persistent efforts of the whole Society to correct.

Finally, the Commission is collecting a series of experiences of the pastors who have seriously tried to maintain the Quaker form of worship and who have had some outstanding success in that effort. We hope that a wide knowledge of these experiences will be helpful.

We recommend that the Commission be continued and that the Young Friends Board be asked to appoint two representatives on it and that Errol T. Elliott or his successor in office be made a member of the Commission.

Raymond Binford, *Chairman* of the Commission.

32. By suggestion of the Board of Missions, Alta Hoyt, on furlough from our African field, was introduced and recognized as a fraternal delegate from the meetings in Africa.

FOURTH DAY, THE TWENTY-THIRD

7:30 p. m.

33. The Meeting convened at seven-thirty, J. Hoge Ricks, Assistant Clerk, presiding. The topic of Friendly Concerns had been submitted for consideration at this session.

J. Hoge Ricks desired that Friends learn to feed a hun-

gry world by genuine Christian love and readiness to help men in every condition.

Levi T. Pennington, President of Pacific College of Newberg, Oregon, led us to consider the necessity of being continual seekers of new spiritual possessions as the apostles were seekers, finders and propagators of the gospel of Christ.

Elbert Russell urged us to use our profession and power to produce a good human society. Jesus is able to save men to practice Christianity in all relations of society, and a righteous social order will be realized only when love rules men and nations.

Other Friends voiced concerns that peace and justice might prevail and that Christ in the heart might furnish the motives and power needed.

FIFTH DAY, THE TWENTY-FOURTH

9:30 a. m.

34. The Meeting assembled at 9:30 o'clock. The minutes of yesterday afternoon and evening were read.

35. The following communication from Wilmington Yearly Meeting was read and referred to the Business Committee:

At Wilmington Yearly Meeting a concern was presented, protesting the use of the names "Quaker" and "Friend" by manufacturers of liquors. A resolution expressing this protest was sent to the company using this name, the Old Quaker Company of Lawrenceburg, Indiana; and the meeting directed that this concern be forwarded to the Five Years Meeting.

36. The Meeting was addressed by Errol T. Elliott, General Chairman of Commission IV, named to study Missions and World Service. His message on Friends and the Service Outreach challenged us to inspect our motives and methods to determine whether they are after the Divine order and made effective by the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

37. The section on Missions, of Commission IV, presented its studies of Our Missionary Outreach. Sylvester Jones mentioned some of the basic problems now being presented to the Church which must be solved if missionary effort is to attain world-wide efficiency.

38. For the section on Friends Service and World Fellowship, Chairman Murray S. Kenworthy presented a general view of the Commission's considerations. Catherine E. Marsh, of London, spoke impressively on cultivation of the spiritual nature. Anna J. Michener, of Kansas, related methods and results of a local social and religious work conducted by Wichita Friends. Frank Davies, of Kansas, emphasized the need of a full-rounded development of the whole being, spiritual, mental, and physical; and that for workers a personal experience of salvation through Jesus Christ is of primary importance.

A spirited and interesting general discussion was engaged in by the Meeting.

39. A communication to the Meeting requests the appointment of two persons to attend the Second World Conference on Faith and Order at Edinburgh in August, 1937. The matter is referred to the Business Committee. (See Minute 74-1.)

FIFTH DAY, THE TWENTY-FOURTH

2:00 p. m.

40. The Meeting convened at two o'clock. The minutes of the morning session were read.

41. From California Yearly Meeting the following communication was read. It is referred to the Business Committee. (See Minute 58-5.)

MINUTE 12, 1935: The following communication from Pasadena Quarterly Meeting was read and the suggestion will be acted upon:

Pasadena Quarterly Meeting wishes to invite reference to Minute

69 of California Yearly Meeting held in 1930, with the suggestion that the Five Years Meeting be asked to give the matter therein referred to, definite consideration and appropriate attention at the forthcoming sessions.

MINUTE 69, 1930: The following communication from Pasadena Quarterly Meeting was unanimously endorsed and directed forwarded to the Central Office of the Five Years Meeting:

With the desire of conserving to our Church many who annually are lost by change of residence, we submit the following proposal, which if endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting, should be sent to our Yearly Meeting, and thence to the Five Years Meeting for its adoption.

Motion:—That the Five Years Meeting be requested to prepare through its central offices, and distribute to the clerks of each monthly meeting, "Notification of Removal" blanks, on which space shall be provided for:

(a) Name of Monthly Meeting issuing.
(b) Name of Friend or family removing.
(c) Office held, or church activities engaged in by such.
(d) Address to which such Friends have removed.

Clerks of Monthly Meetings shall be directed to see that such forms are completed promptly on the removal of a Friend or family from the vicinity of their meeting, and send it to the Statistical Secretary of their own Yearly Meeting, or such other Friend as their Yearly Meeting shall appoint.

Where the removal is within the bounds of another Yearly Meeting, the notification of removal shall be sent by the issuing Yearly Meeting to the Five Years Meeting and through the Five Years Meeting to the Yearly Meeting into which the Friends have removed.

On receipt of such notice from the Five Years Meeting or a notification of removal within the bounds of their own Yearly Meeting, the Statistical Secretary shall forward the information to the Monthly Meeting nearest to which Friends now reside. In living mid-way between two meetings, or other uncertainty arises, a copy of same shall be sent to both meetings.

A copy of such removals should also be filed in the office of the receiving Yearly Meeting Superintendent, so that new churches may be formed when practicable, in localities where several Friends' families are settling and no Friends' Church at present exists.

On receipt of such notification, the pastor or other member of the church would naturally get in touch with the newcomers and extend a welcome.

Such forms being simply a Notification of Removal, would not constitute a Transfer of Membership, nor commit Friends to such a transfer unless they so desire.

42. Howard W. Cope, Chairman of the American Friends Board of Missions, read extracts from the report of the Board. The report follows:

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS BOARD OF MISSIONS

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

The eight year period intervening since the last Five Years Meeting has been one of change in the missionary activity and thinking, as well as in the world of politics and economics. (1) There has been a marked decrease in the contributions for missionary activity. As people saw their income diminishing, the distant objects and those things which appeared unnecessary for their immediate needs were the first to be curtailed. The fact that contributions have kept up as well as they have is a remarkable testimony to the genuine identification of many individuals with the missionary activities of the Christian church. (2) The church has come to recognize more fully than previously the presence of Christian principles in non-Christian religions and to give due credit for these. Thoughtful people are beginning to realize that it is altogether improper to classify one whole nationality of people as heathen and another nationality as Christian. (3) As is true in some local churches in America, we have come to recognize that some missions also have tended to place more emphasis upon the development of an ecclesiastical system than upon the development of Christian principles which are able to demonstrate the Christian way of living in a complicated and in many ways an unchristian environment. (4) The two facts mentioned last have led to an honest doubt in the minds of some thoughtful people of the real worthwhileness of Christian missions today. This doubt has been increased by the realization that we have had Christian missions now for over a century, leading some to feel that it is time for these churches to have become so well established that they should be able to continue their work without the aid of the missionary. (5) The growing complexity of our modern environment together with the commercialized vice that is being fostered among simple folk has created a rapidly increasing need of fundamentally Christian principles in the lives of individuals living in our so-called mission lands, so that these individuals may be able to demonstrate Christian principles of living in the social group.

Likewise, during these eight years, outstanding political and social problems have developed on most of our fields which have materially affected our mission work. (1) The discovery of gold on our field of activity in Africa has complicated the problems there. By action

of the British government the nationals have been denied the wealth of the subsurface mineral deposits of the land they own. This has led to an increased suspicion of the white man and his fundamental integrity. Likewise the Kukuya movement, i. e., "Africa for the Africans," which has spread over a great deal of the continent, has also complicated the work of the missionary, especially where the white missionary has not very closely identified himself with the best interests of the Africans themselves and sometimes in opposition to the foreign government. (2) Political corruption and atrocities in Cuba have led to revolution, civil strife, and poverty, resulting in a total demoralization of education in the Island and a restlessness and uncertainty among the whole population. (3) Mexico is in the midst of a more or less bloodless revolution, of which are unknown not only the ultimate goals but also the next immediate steps that are likely to be taken. (4) Palestine has suffered the bitter strife of race hatred between the Jews, who have been returning to the land which they once possessed, and the Moslems, who have occupied the land for many centuries. Both feel a sense of ownership and sacredness in this portion of the world. (5) For many years West China has been threatened with the invasion of the armies of the Communists. This year (1935) the danger became so imminent that the missionaries were ordered to evacuate Chengtu. Also compulsory military training, which was forced upon the West China Union University by the government, which felt obliged to prepare to defend itself against these invaders, has led our Friends missionaries to resign from the administrative functions of the school. Those in the Tennessee mountains and among the Indians in Oklahoma have shared with us the poverty and uncertainty of the depression.

Organization

By action of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America held in 1927, the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions and the Board of Home Missions of the Five Years Meeting were merged in 1929 into the one Board, the American Friends Board of Missions. The Board, which met in April, 1935, chose for its officers the following: Chairman, Howard W. Cope; Vice-Chairman, Charles M. Woodman; Treasurer, Louis B. Campbell; Administrative Secretary, Merle L. Davis; and Office Secretary, Martha C. Kendall. To serve with these officers the following Executive Committee members were elected: A. Ward Applegate, Charles E. Carey,

Thomas W. Y. Clark, O. Herschel Folger, Sylvester Jones, Richard R. Newby, Flora T. Sayers, Faith A. Terrell, George H. Wood, and the following Ex-Officio members: Louis B. Campbell, Howard W. Cope, Merle L. Davis, and Charles M. Woodman.

During this period of eight years, three administrative secretaries have served the Board. B. Willis Beede, who began his services as secretary of the Board in 1921, continued until April, 1932, when he was forced by ill health to discontinue in that capacity. Following his resignation the Board asked Errol T. Elliott, who had been serving the Five Years Meeting as Secretary of Spiritual Resources, to assume the responsibilities of Administrative Secretary of the Board. This he continued until June, 1934, when he became Director of the Promotion Committee of the Five Years Meeting. In October, 1934, Merle L. Davis was asked to give part-time service as Acting Secretary of the Board, and in April, 1935, was elected Administrative Secretary for the period of five years. Following the resignation and marriage of Alta Jewell Green, who had been serving the Board as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer since September, 1921, Hazel Lincoln was chosen to occupy this position in July, 1931, which she ably filled until December, 1934. At that time the office of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer was discontinued, and Martha Kendall was chosen as Office Secretary, and again elected to that position at the meeting of the Board in April, 1935.

At the time of the last session of the Five Years Meeting, 60 missionaries were serving under the two Boards then functioning. Now, in 1935, there are 44. It should be noted that we have at present 73 per cent of the number of missionaries which we had in 1927, although we receive only 35 per cent as much money as we received in that year. During these eight years, 30 new missionaries have been sent to the fields. Of those who were serving in 1927, 31 have withdrawn, and 15 of the new ones who have been appointed during this period have later withdrawn also. Three missionaries deserve outstanding recognition for their extended length of continued and faithful service in our Friends mission fields. Emma P. Martinez, of Cuba, the oldest missionary from the point of view of service, began her work as a missionary in 1893; Mary E. White, of Jamaica, first went out in 1895, and Alsina M. Andrews, also of Jamaica, began her service of love in 1897. These are the only three now serving the Board whose period of service covers parts of the two centuries.

Finance

The balance sheet for March 31, 1935, shows the following financial condition of the Board:

Assets

General Fund

Petty Cash	$ 200.00	
Balance on hand	5168.03	
Advance from Investment	1412.95	
		$ 6780.98

Special Funds

Balance on hand	$ 449.02	
Saving Account (Palestine Agricultural Fund)	763.02	
		$ 1212.04

Investment Funds

Trustees of Five Years Meeting	$63642.90	
Trustees F. Y. M. Margin Fund	838.55	
Real Estate—Permanent Funds	1708.00	
Securities Held—General Investment Funds	15555.05	
Palestine Building	6000.00	
		$95737.52

Liabilities

General Fund

Surplus	$ 5368.03	
		$ 5368.03

Special Funds

Account Balances	$ 1212.04	
		$ 1212.04

Investment Funds

Annuity Fund	$41450.00	
Endowment Fund	23900.90	
General Investment Fund	16393.60	
Advance from General Investment	1412.95	
Palestine Building	6000.00	$89157.45
		$95737.52

The phenomenal decrease in the income of the Board bears close study if we are to project wisely our plans into the future. The outstanding decrease has taken place since the onset of the depres-

sion beginning in 1929, and can easily be accounted for by that economic catastrophe in our nation's history. However, the decrease in funds at the disposal of the Board did not begin with the depression, but back in 1921 and 1922, following the unusual impetus that was given to missions by the Interchurch World Movement. Nevertheless, that decrease, beginning after the movement of 1919 to 1921, should not give to missionary boards a grave concern, for that "high" of the Interchurch World Movement was just as abnormal as is the "low" of 1935. The figures that deserve the greatest study are those which correspond to the eight year period since the last Five Years Meeting. These will be found on the next page.

Several outstanding facts are evident from a close study of this summary. First, the income of the Board for 1934-35 is approximately 35 per cent of what it was in 1927-28, while the number of missionaries is 73 per cent. The Board has been able to maintain on the fields such a large number of missionaries in proportion to the income due to the following facts: First, the salaries of the missionaries have been reduced 10 per cent. Second, the Board has stopped all building projects from funds coming out of our general income, and the amount of money spent for national workers and equipment on the fields has been greatly reduced. Third, a shift to much greater responsibility on the part of nationals for self support has been necessary. This is in line with the best policy of missionary polity provided the work on the fields has properly led up to this step; however, on some of our fields this shift of financial responsibility came prematurely and also at a time when the fields were in just as deep a financial depression as the church at home, resulting in a somewhat demoralized condition of the native church at the present time. Nevertheless, without appearing to make the picture rosier than it has actually been, we feel that we can say that our missionary forces together with our national workers have in general faced this condition courageously and constructively, although in not all circumstances have they been able to maintain the high standard which had been attained previously, let alone make any progress.

It will be noticed that the percentage of income towards our general account coming from the Yearly Meetings direct to the Board decreased from 1927 to 1930, but from that date on there has been a gradual, but more or less uniform, increase. On the other

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS, AMERICAN FRIENDS BOARD OF MISSIONS

(Home and Foreign Boards—Combined)

	1927-8	1928-9	1929-30	1930-1	1931-2	1932-3	1933-4	1934-5
Total Receipts—General Acct.....	$114838	$113902	$100057	$ 89598	$ 64876	$ 52677	$ 53903	$ 41197
Total Receipts—Special Acct.....	13102	18345	15354	22964	5800	7299	3323	3883
Total Receipts— Gen. and Special Acct.....	$128040	$132247	$115411	$112562	$ 70676	$ 59976	$ 57226	$ 45080
Recd from Yearly Meetings direct (General Acct.)	$ 26948	$ 23895	$ 22570	$ 12806	$ 9551	$ 9033	$ 10930	$ 10206
Per cent of total—General Acct....	23.5	21.0	22.6	14.3	14.7	17.1	20.3	24.7
Recd from United Budget General Acct.	$ 75632	$ 64967	$ 66105	$ 67879	$ 50373	$ 32503	$ 22997	$ 19858
Per cent of total—General Acct...	63.2	57.9	66.1	75.8	77.6	63.6	42.7	48.2
Ratio of Amt. Received from Yearly Mtgs. direct to Amt. Received from United Budget..	35.6	36.9	34.1	19.0	19.0	27.8	47.5	51.4
Fixed per cent of United Budget of Mission Board.....	85.59	83.51	82.68	85.54	87.09	86.72	79.60	80.39
Resulting per cent of United Budget to Mission Board.....	87.40	85.01	83.76	86.64	89.11	90.31	87.67	87.04
Number of Missionaries.....	60	70	60	57	47	50	45	44

hand the percentage of the income for the general account coming from the United Budget increased from 1927 to 1931, but since that date has decreased markedly. To show the relationship we have worked out the ratio of the amounts received from the Yearly Meetings direct, to that received from the United Budget, in order to show the relationship existing between these two sources of income. A glance at the table will show that from 1927 to 1930 the decrease was from 35 to 19, while from 1931 to 1935 the increase has been remarkable. This shows quite clearly that those who are giving their funds for the support of the Five Years Meeting have decreased their gifts direct to the Board much less than they have to the United Budget, from which fact we rightly have reason to deduct that the contributing members of the Five Years Meeting are eager to see the work of the Mission Board continue with as little suffering as possible. A study of the fixed percentage of the United Budget granted to the Mission Board as compared with the actual resulting percentage of the United Budget which the Mission Board receives, due to individual gifts, indicates that over the period of eight years there has been a slight decrease in the percentage which is allowed to the Mission Board from United Budget funds. Especially is this true if the new 1935-36 apportionment is taken into consideration, when only 74.54 per cent was allowed the Mission Board. However, a study of the resulting percentages which the Mission Board receives indicates that in every case the Mission Board has received a larger per cent than that fixed at the beginning of the year; and furthermore, the more that the fixed percentage is lowered, the greater is the difference between that and the resulting percentage. This last fact should be carefully borne in mind. Our Five Years Meeting cannot prudently disregard the wishes of those who are contributing to the Five Years Meeting when apportioning the funds thus entrusted to them. Our Society is fundamentally a democratic organization, and your Mission Board feels that it should be responsive to the wishes of the givers in the distribution of its funds.

Realizing that there are those who prefer certain lines of activities of the Mission Board work, the Board in its 1935 annual meeting approved the adoption of the project method of giving for those who wish to give that way, and your Board is equipped at the present time to take care of contributions to that system. Other Mission Boards have long had this method of support in practice, and have

found it much more satisfactory for many individuals than the giving to a general budget.

Africa

Church Activity. The national workers have gradually been taking over the management of the business meetings as well as the meetings for worship. As is to be expected, they have made some mistakes, but it is through these experiences that they are learning to grow and develop their own work. There have been also some other religious bodies which do not recognize the division of territory between different denominations, and have come in and placed churches right in the midst of the territory which Friends occupy.

Educational Work. For the past four years our Mission Board has been cooperating with other missionary societies in the maintenance of an educational expert who is acquainted with the English system of education. He visits our schools and makes recommendations to the workers.

One outstanding tendency for the past years has been to increase the efficiency of the teachers in our different schools. A normal training school and what we would term teachers' institutes have been maintained for the advanced preparation of the teachers. Our workers have sought to make our work there just as practical as possible, at the same time not neglecting the academic as far as it applies to the people and their needs. The curriculum is divided into two types of work: class work and field work. In the field work for the girls they have gardening, cooking, cleaning of dormitories, school laundry work, hospital laundry work, basketry, and needlecraft work. The boys are given manual training work in the actual construction of furniture, the building of houses and actual field work. Recently the names of the different types of schools have been changed, using words that are more significant to the American. These schools are now called sub-elementary schools, which include work which is similar to our kindergarten and first grade work; next, elementary school work, which follows immediately after the sub-elementary, and next above this is the primary school. The greatest number of schools are, of course, the sub-elementary, for which the national must pay the entire cost, as our Mission receives no government allowance, nor does the Board grant any funds for these schools. They are entirely self supporting, and are maintained as long as the communities want them. The other two classes of schools receive government aid.

Medical Department. At the present time we have two doctors and two registered nurses in charge of our medical work. Also additions have been made to the hospital and new equipment added, making our medical work more efficient. This has increased the confidence of the national people in the work of our hospital, and tends to reduce the amount of superstition surrounding the care of the body. The maternity ward in the hospital has been a great aid, and many mothers and babies have been saved to the tribe because of it. Because of the reduced income for our Mission work, there has necessarily been a reduction in the amount of the dispensary work carried on in the out districts by the doctors. This is regrettable because many of the people live so far from the hospital that it is impossible for them to get medical care.

Industrial Work. The placing of the new turbine a few years ago has been a great aid to our industrial department, in providing for them new and greater amount of power. Our present coffee plantation has largely given out in its productiveness, so that it has become necessary to plant a large number of new trees. At the present time the department is in process of building a new school building with the aid of some of the former students of the technical school.

Economically and commercially the people of Kenya Colony have made great strides forward. No real hunger exists except at times of famine. The gardens are much larger than they were seven years ago. Good profit is being made on the raising of corn, except when the price is forced down by the Indians. The people are well clothed; they have a much better variety of food; all plant vegetables now, and many fruit trees likewise are being planted. A much better grade of fowls and stock is being raised. Likewise, with the care that is being given, a larger yield per acre is being realized than in the past. However, many of the people are still unable to handle money.

All of these advances in civilization are beneficial, but do not take the place of development of Christianity and a true Christian way of living. Each new child that is born, each new generation that comes into existence has the same needs for the development of the Christian way of living as those of the past have had.

China

Our Board, while not assuming any administrative or financial responsibility for the joint work that is being carried on in West China Union University, has maintained an active interest in

this work and transmitted to Robert L. Simkin the funds which have been secured through the West China-Haverford Committee. During these years, threats of civil strife and communistic invasions have menaced the substantial Christian work that the University is doing.

Cuba

The last session of the Five Years Meeting authorized the establishment of a Yearly Meeting in Cuba. So this period of eight years coincides with the period of life of that Yearly Meeting. As could well be expected, the eight years represent a period of decline in the history of Friends work in Cuba, due to several causes. When too suddenly parents turn over responsibilities to minors not hardened by service and experience, there is a tendency to neglect details, which sometimes are fundamental. So a sudden assumption of responsibility in the affairs of the church by those whose background lacked a preparation of religious consciousness, has brought in a tendency to put emphasis upon the external and superficial, and to neglect the deep permanent principles.

The terribly distressing political situation through which Cuba is passing is having its effect upon the members of the church. The restlessness, the uncertainty, the poverty, and the misery resulting from these political and social upheavals have their reactions in the church. When there is more stability in governmental affairs there will be more stability in church affairs. We look forward to a better day.

When the Yearly Meeting was organized and several missionaries withdrawn, the force of workers was so limited that only the principal centers could be manned by national workers. These centers are not as well developed now as they were ten years ago. There is no spirit of criticism in this remark. The fact still remains that our field has not been adequately supplied with trained workers and today it is suffering the consequences.

Of the five schools, which the Mission maintained to a high degree of efficiency, three are still functioning efficiently; one is lagging behind, and the other has dropped out entirely. From these five schools have come a large percentage of the workers which we have. It would be hard to find an efficient worker, layman, teacher or preacher, who has not been helped by some evangelical school. Much credit for the spread of the Gospel in Cuba must be given to the schools which have been maintained by the Missions. Apparently the political life of Cuba has not been affected greatly by these

schools, but undoubtedly the social life has been helped a great deal. This is especially true where right living, domestic science and vocational training have been taught.

Besides the special training for life's work which the schools have actually accomplished in many individual cases, they have together done much to create a Christian consciousness in the various communities. An outstanding tendency of all our schools is to seek out and use Christian teachers.

Since the organization of the Yearly Meeting, several worth-while steps have been taken. This body is now incorporated under the laws of Cuba. A committee, known as a Title and Property Committee, was appointed and may become the nucleus of a Board of Trustees whose duty will be to care for the property of the Yearly Meeting. A Constitution and Discipline has been drawn up, printed, and is now in circulation among the members. Within the Yearly Meeting nine important committees are now working. A general superintendent was appointed at the last session and is now giving full time to itinerating among the churches. A Women's Union has recently been organized. Missions and welfare work are their objectives.

Much remains to be done. The very fact that the leaders are getting under the burden and are grappling with the problems of the church is encouraging. The members are growing slowly.

Satisfactory arrangements have been completed in regard to the Havana, Cuba, work by which the property at Jaruco was given to Arthur and Ellen Pain, and the Board will continue to grant them their regular pension allowance. They in turn will not solicit special funds for their work from the members of the Five Years Meeting, although anyone wishing to make special contributions to that work should send them through the Board which will welcome them and transmit them directly to the field.

Jamaica

Fewer changes have taken place in our Jamaica work since the last Five Years Meeting than on any other field. No outstanding political or social disturbances have occurred. The steady administration of the English government has given to the Island substantial justice and freedom. The poverty has been and still is a great drawback to progress in the Island. This is so marked that many of the people have migrated to neighboring islands in search

of higher wages. A large majority of these went to Cuba in former years to work either as domestics or as cane cutters. These felt themselves fortunate if they were able to receive from fifty cents to a dollar a day, for this represented an improvement in income for them. However, the recent political and economic disturbances in Cuba have reduced the number of Jamaicans going to that country. This poverty, together with the natural fertility of the soil and ease with which tropical fruits are grown, as well as the natural tendency of the tropical climate, have all tended to increase the slothfulness of the people. The density of population is another factor causing the unhappy economic situation of the people. As compared with the United States, the density is approximately six times as great, being 236 to the square mile while that for the United States as a whole is 41.

In our church and school work likewise few changes have taken place. Eight years ago ten Friends monthly meetings dotted the northeastern coast of the Island. Today there are eleven. The membership in these meetings has decreased slightly, from 1230 in 1927 to 1136 in 1935. The meetinghouses are also school rooms, where the children attend during the week under a teacher who is paid by the government. The fact that there are many East Indians in the Island furnishes many interesting contacts and experiences in some of the meetings. That at Fellowship is an example of this. At the present time the membership there is composed of 94 East Indians and 26 Jamaicans. As many of the adult East Indian members do not know English, the meetings are usually conducted in two languages. The songs and prayers are equally divided between them. When the Scripture is read, it is given first in one language and then in the other. The most significant feature of this situation is the fact that they feel happy over the fellowship of the two races. However, this hearty race cooperation does not exist in all situations in the country. These eleven meetings are served by four missionaries and two national workers.

The Lyndale Girls Home and the Swift Home for Boys have continued to be sources of blessing and enrichment of many young lives. While some of the inmates of these Homes are orphans, yet they are not primarily orphanages, for parents send their children there in order that they may have the benefits which are derived from such a Home organized on the basis of developing the best through the administration of a Christian environment. These two

Homes, together with the establishment of the continuation school at Highgate, have tended to increase the importance of Highgate Center.

Our one secondary school in Jamaica, known as Happy Grove, has suffered greatly, due to the decrease in attendance because of the economic conditions. While eight years ago the average attendance was 175, today it is 38. This raises the question immediately as to whether or not a secondary school can be run efficiently with the income paid by 38 students, in a destitute community. Our workers there have made heroic efforts, and although no doubt mistakes have been made, yet the impossibility of maintaining a school with such a small number is easily recognized. The teachers employed have to work for a very meager income, which, of course, is somewhat compensated by the fact that the whole economic condition is on a low scale. Two years ago a department of chemistry was added to the school, and a laboratory equipped so that some experimental laboratory work can be done.

Mexico

The past eight years have seen a great change in our work in Mexico. Eight years ago five missionaries were on the field. Today there are none. At that time our work was centered in Victoria, Metamoras, and Matehuala. Today the work at Metamoras has been discontinued altogether because of a rapidly decreasing membership at that point, and because the buildings have been completely destroyed by a series of hurricanes. Previously we had two well-established schools in Victoria. Today both of these have been closed, as well as the one at Metamoras. The only school which we have continued is the one at Matehuala, which this year had 198 pupils enrolled. Eight years ago Fortunato Castillo, the outstanding national leader of Friends in Mexico, was in the prime of his service. Last year an incurable malady claimed him, and Friends there have only the memory of that beautiful and capable spirit which for so many years led them into a richer experience and an active participation in the work of education and the church. While for a number of years the political and social conditions of Mexico have been unsettled, today they are more unsettled than ever. No private school is supposed to exist unless its director and teacher subscribe to the doctrines and orientation of the Socialist regime. All religious education has been banned from schools of all kinds, both private and public. No minister of any religion is allowed to con-

duct a school, neither is one who receives any income from any religious organization allowed to be a director of a school. Consequently a large number of the missions have entirely closed up their school work, and are seeking other ways of bringing to bear the principles of Christian living. However, some that have been closed have been asked to reopen. The laws are variously interpreted in the different provinces of the country, so that which may be true in one province may not be true in another, and with changes of administration, changes in policy and interpretation of the laws naturally follow. All these changes have made the administration of missionary work in Mexico an interesting but puzzling problem. Whether or not the total result will be gain or loss it is too early to prophesy or anticipate. All is in a state of flux. We have yet to learn whether that change is progress or not. But in spite of these unsettled conditions, Friends have a Yearly Meeting in Mexico, conducted entirely by nationals themselves, with their regularly appointed clerks, committees, and superintendent of evangelistic work and director of the one school which still remains at Matehuala. I. Castillo Huerta is giving his time, with little remuneration, to the general oversight of the church work and the property there. The church work at Victoria is led by Juan R. Valverde, who is a graduate of the Union Seminary of Mexico. Francisco E. Estrello, also a graduate of Union Seminary, is serving as pastor of the church in Matehuala, and Leopoldo D. Savola, the only one left of that "old school" of leaders, is serving the little meeting at Xicotencalt as pastor.

The property in Mexico is in a state of uncertainty because of the law forbidding religious organizations from holding property. Consequently the deeds to the property there have been placed in the name of individuals. Several years ago an effort was made to establish a holding company to take over these properties, but due to the complexity of conditions, the slowness by which such things are accomplished, and the changes which take place, this has never been completed. The properties are still held in the names of the individuals as formerly. Under the existing circumstances it would seem wise, and the Board is considering the proposition, to sell some of these properties which are not in actual use today.

Palestine

Friends' work in the Holy Land may be conveniently discussed under three headings, viz: religious, social, and educational.

Religious Work. During the school year the Friends Meetinghouse cannot accommodate all the boarding pupils of both schools. In vacation the usual attendance is about fifty, many of whom are not Friends. Of late several people have joined Friends. The type of membership has changed from the simple and uneducated to the more influential. It is the student and teacher class which has lately been attracted to Friends.

In the last five years progress has been made in the matter of financial support from the Friends Meeting. For the first time, the Meeting contributed something towards the maintenance of the pastors, Irving and Anna Kelsey. For several years the Meeting has been helping in carrying on the work of the Bible Woman in the villages.

To be a real spiritual power in the community, the Meeting needs a strong leader to devote his whole energy in its service. Since 1927 it has been faithfully served by Alvano Goddard, Irving Kelsey and James Sutton. The most discouraging feature has been our inability to find a Palestinian who is ready to do this work.

Ram Allah Monthly Meeting belongs to the Syria and Palestine Yearly Meeting which was established about ten years ago and is still struggling. With faith, courage, and patience, this Yearly Meeting may be developed into a strong little body which will be a witness to Christ in the cradle of Christianity.

Social Activities. Connected with the Meeting is a Woman's Club which was started for the women of the meeting but which now includes most of the leading women of the town. During the year they meet fortnightly and make a large quantity of clothing to be given to the poor at Christmas time. They have committees for visiting the poor and sick, for improving the health conditions in the town and for stimulating gardening and the beautification of the home. Help and stimulation is brought through lectures and talks.

Educational Work. Village Schools. The last few years have seen the disappearance of all but one of the village schools. This is most unfortunate as the need there for our service is the greatest. But the reduced budget has not allowed anything for village schools and as the villages are not in a position to help themselves, the schools had to be dropped.

Boarding Schools. The two boarding schools are the backbone of the Friends' work in Palestine. Perhaps the most significant

trend has been the development of native leadership and initiative. Friends are the pioneers in Palestine in this regard as there is not another missionary institution which has shown so much faith in native responsibility.

When America was experiencing six years of depression and the budget was gradually reduced, these boarding schools continued to prosper. They are about 75 per cent self-supporting. In the last few years they have doubled their numbers and income from fees. The academic standard has been raised, the library facilities and laboratory equipment improved and some of the teachers sent abroad for travel and study. The home economics department and the kindergarten have been developed in the Girls School and a beginning has been made on a commercial department in the Boys School. Since 1928 three substantial stone buildings have been erected, two at the Girls School and one at the Boys. The first was a memorial for Ermina Jones Totah and it houses the home economics work. The second is Grant Hall, made possible by William Grant, of New York, in honor of his brother and sister, Elihu and Almy Grant, of Haverford. The third is a class-room building, the money for which came altogether from the field. The nucleus was a fund raised by the old girls and called the Alice Jones Scholarship Fund. This fund has made possible two scholarships of $50 each for worthy and needy girls.

A recent development has been the rush of Moslems to our boarding schools. Both Moslem boys and girls are coming in such numbers that we are contemplating limiting them to thirty per cent.

In conclusion it may be said that Friends in America have every reason to be encouraged over their labor of love in the land where our Master was born. It has been growing, developing and taking root for the last sixty-seven years.

There is room for Friends' service in Palestine. There is room for more work, more departments and further development if Friends will accept the challenge, increase their faith and venture out in the service of the Master.

Tennessee

In the Fall of 1927, Edward Ransome began the work of soliciting funds for the building of the new Meetinghouse at Three Points to replace the old Maynards Chapel. In the Spring of 1928 the lumber was sawed from trees which grew near the building site and during that Winter and the next Spring the building was erected and was

dedicated in June, 1929. The present building, which was built the same size that the old one was, but in a more accessible place, is now much too small for present needs, while the old one was seldom more than half filled.

Over this same period of years and from various communities the missionaries have been discovering young people who needed some one to take the initiative in getting them out to school. In many of these instances our workers have taken the initiative for them with the result that they have now in their communities a number of high school and a few college graduates.

In September, 1928, Fred L. McMillin came to this work. There were outlying points where Christian work needed to be done and where services were much needed. The work was adjusted so that Fred McMillin could find time to go over to White Oak Flats, an isolated community with no church. They now have Sunday School in the school house and preaching service once a month. The same is true of the Lovin community where Sunday School and preaching services are now held.

They still continue to have their revival meetings in the summer time each year, which makes the summer an exceedingly busy time. The meetings have proved to be a great blessing.

Through the years, Edward Ransome and Fred McMillin have continued to use the few acres of land which they have, in an effort to demonstrate intensive farming. They are convinced that the mountaineer farmer should do a better job of farming, using less acres and producing larger crops. Many people say to them, "We never saw such poor land so improved as the land you have."

The work has continued to grow through the years. The membership of the monthly meeting makes a steady gain year by year. The missionaries are conscious of a deepening in spiritual life on the part of some. These have indeed been years of struggle for the mountaineer people and we feel that the struggle has been worth while, for some have learned to hold steady and press forward.

Western Indians

The past eight years have covered the second half of a period of fresh effort by Friends to help the American Indians. A guiding principle of this entire period has been the selection of missionary workers especially fitted by experience and training to give expert guidance and help to the Indians, not only spiritually, but also in

their economic and social problems and in their struggle for better education.

The four mission centers and one outpost still maintained by Friends among Oklahoma Indians have become increasingly distinctive in their types of service. While all use preaching and teaching as forms of Christian ministry, each serves also in ways especially its own. In Ottawa County our opportunities at Wyandotte are pre-eminently with young people, 800 of them, and largely along *educational* lines; in Seneca Council House community the older Indians are mingling with their white neighbors in church attendance more than at any other point; among the Osages the *organized church* is outstanding as a channel of service, in which Osages themselves are becoming leaders; our Big Jim Mission has found its best opportunities to help through *economic* service, especially through its strawberry industry; and the Kickapoo Mission, besides helping the Kickapoos constantly with their family and social problems, has become our *Center for conferences,* summer camps and entertainment of Indian guests for week-ends or longer. The twice-a-week visits of our workers to the Indian Tuberculosis Sanitorium maintained by the Government at Shawnee find other unique opportunities among patients from all tribes in Oklahoma.

Personal friendships between our workers and Indian families or individuals have increased until, for several years past, about 1000 Indians have been contacted regularly through farmers' meetings, women's club work, health clinics, and other adult education projects, young people's groups, family visiting, social and recreational activities and religious meetings in homes, school houses, and churches.

Recent years have seen improvements such as: appreciation of and an increased desire to establish Christian family and home life, less fear of modern medical practice and hospitals, improved health conditions, more desire for education, more Indians working their own farms by modern methods, and a decided increase in Indian interest in Christianity. Probably about 50 have become Christians in the past three years. The Osages have built a large new wing on their church building, organized their own Osage Friends Church, accepted increasing responsibility for leadership in its activities, contributed all its current expenses and have given also several hundred dollars for missions and evangelism among Indians and for Friends work in Africa and Tennessee. First steps have been taken towards organization of a Kickapoo church, also, but the time for that is

not yet here. At Wyandotte a large new church building was erected in 1928 which has been a great help in our work in that community. A new Monthly Meeting was set up at Seneca Council House in November, 1927, which has 11 Indian members. Most significant of all is the growing group of Christian Indians, most of them young people who are showing ability and desire to cooperate with us in planning and working for their own people. This group now numbers about 20, most of whom have had at least some high school education, a few being high school graduates.

The so-called Meriam Survey which has revolutionized policies of the Government Indian service since 1927 has been carefully studied by the Indian Committee and mission workers and much help given to Indians towards understanding policies adopted by passage of the Wheeler-Howard Bill.

Following the merging of the old Home and Foreign Mission Boards in 1920, a plan was worked out in 1930 for joint administration of Friends' work among the Indians by the new Board of Missions and the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs, but since 1933 administrative responsibility has been shifted back almost entirely to the Committee on Indian Affairs, largely because of decreasing funds for administrative expenses. Financial support of the Indian work decreased from $12,018 to $6,041 in the peak years of 1931 and 1933, a decrease of nearly 46 per cent in average annual income for the past three years. The quality of service, however, has persisted on a high plane, and there is now a slight upward trend in support.

Since 1928-1929 five Yearly Meetings of the General Conference group and New England Yearly Meeting which meets at Westerly, Rhode Island, have appointed representatives on the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs and have cooperated in support of the Oklahoma Indian work, making a total of 19 American Yearly Meetings which have been represented on the Committee since 1930. Cooperation of younger Friends has increased in definite ways also, especially since 1933, both by membership on the Committee and through special service projects.

HOWARD W. COPE, *Chairman.*
MERLE L. DAVIS, *Administrative Secretary.*

43. A report of the Woman's Missionary Union was read by the president, Virginia Peelle, Wilmington. The report follows:

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

Since the last session of the Five Years Meeting, the Woman's Missionary Union is now entering upon the fourth term. Two of them were under the capable leadership of Harriet W. Purdy, one was efficiently guided by Frances Doan McDonald, and another is just beginning.

At the General Conference in Oskaloosa, Iowa, held May 1-5, 1930, Harriet W. Purdy was again elected President; Charlotte E. Vickers, Honorary President; Frances Doan McDonald, First Vice-President; Jessie N. Haworth, Second Vice-President; Bertha Stubbs Sumpter, Recording Secretary; Elizabeth Thompson, Corresponding Secretary; Emma G. Randolph, Treasurer; *Missionary Advocate* Staff, Lenora N. Hobbs, Editor, and Mira Jenkins, Treasurer; Secretaries of Departments: Literature, Agnes L. Day; Stewardship, Bessie F. Collins; Young Woman's Work, Esther Pickett; Junior Work, Corona Rayle Cook; Peace, Sina M. Stanton.

At the General Conference held in Wilmington, Ohio, October 13-17, 1932, the following officers were elected: President, Frances Doan McDonald; Honorary President, Charlotte E. Vickers; First Vice-President, Violet C. Kenworthy; Second Vice-President, Jessie N. Haworth; Recording Secretary, Bertha Stubbs Sumpter; Corresponding Secretary, Virginia Peelle. There was no change in the *Advocate* Staff nor in the Secretaries of Departments.

The seventeenth session was held in Wichita, Kansas, May 16-20, 1935, at which time Virginia Peelle, Wilmington, Ohio, was elected President; Charlotte E. Vickers, 313 Wisconsin Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, Honorary President; Odessa Rayle, Spiceland, Indiana, First Vice-President; Jessie N. Haworth, Sunnyside, California, Second Vice-President; Bertha S. Sumpter, Argonia, Kansas, Recording Secretary; Faye Farr, Wilmington, Ohio, Corresponding Secretary; Lena F. Ragan, Archdale, North Carolina, Treasurer; Caroline U. Minard, Poplar Ridge, N. Y., Assistant Treasurer; Secretaries of Departments: Agnes L. Day, Westfield, Indiana, Literature; Young

Woman's Work, Elizabeth E. Haviland, Brookville, Maryland, R. D. No. 2; Junior and Primary Work, Carrie H. Davis, 307 College Avenue, Richmond, Indiana; Stewardship, Bessie F. Collins, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, R. D. No. 5; Peace, Sina M. Stanton, 4815 Battery Lane, Bethesda, Maryland; Education Honor Roll, Harriet W. Purdy, 4443 Blaisdell Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. A new department of Temperance was added and placed in the care of the First Vice-President for this term. With many things to consider, the Union is in very good condition generally. Interest is increasing although our numbers are not so great as in some former years. Just now with the Conference drain, together with starting new officers and their departments, our treasury does not seem very full. Sometimes we wonder from whence are our missionary salaries to come, but they come and we hope the same will happen to our general fund.

We are still paying the salaries of Esther E. Baird, of India—our Love Fund; Alice I. Kennedy, of Jamaica—our Faith Fund, and since the last session of the Five Years Meeting we have added another Missionary, Fred L. McMillin, Tennessee Mountains—our Hope Fund.

Our annual dues, $1.25 per member, are sent to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting Union, to be divided as follows: 15 cents is retained by the Yearly Meeting Union for missionary interests throughout the Yearly Meeting; 35 cents is sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union of Friends in America—10 cents to be used by the Union and 25 cents for Home Missions; the other 75 cents is sent through the Yearly Meeting Treasurer to the Mission Board for foreign missions. No salaries are paid to any officer of the Woman's Missionary Union. Our Missionaries are paid largely through thank-offering boxes.

During this period we have given to the Mission Boards of the Five Years Meeting, before and since the union of the Boards (including our Faith and Hope Funds) approximately $9,000, much of which has come through the regular Yearly Meeting channels where credit is given. We have paid for the support of Esther E. Baird more than $3,000 and about $300 for dues and Migrant Work to the Council of Women for Home Missions, an organization with which we are affiliated. We have given $375 to the Oklahoma Indians.

We are continuing the Interdenominational Study Books—"Women Under the Southern Cross," by Margaret Ross Miller, the Foreign,

and "Toward a Christian America," by Hermann N. Morse, the Home book, for this year. The Young Women's and Children's books are also used. Some of the members of the Executive Committee have for the past two years met at Winona Lake, Indiana, at the time of the Winona School of Missions, where we could have the advantage of this splendid school and at convenient times hold our own meetings. It has been quite helpful to us as well as acquainting other denominations with the work of Friends.

The Union has lost many of its well known and beloved members but it was a great shock when, on July 1, 1931, Emma G. Randolph, Treasurer, while at work on her treasurer's books, was called home. She was so efficient and faithful. In the memorial service held for her in the General Conference it was said of her: "Some folks have a genius for living; Emma was one of those rare souls. Sickness came to her and sorrow, but she did not falter—she used her beautiful gift of life aright."

Cora K. Styles, Associate Editor and contributor of the *Missionary Advocate,* ardently interested in the Mexican laborer and Indian work, was another of our faithful workers who answered the summons to "come up higher." It was said of her that no work was too small or too large to command her attention.

Elizabeth A. Thompson, Corresponding Secretary, was called to fill the unexpired term as Treasurer occasioned by the death of Emma G. Randolph. At her own request she was released and at the time of her death, July 4, 1933, she was Assistant Treasurer.

> "The dear friends live and always will;
> Their presence hover round us still."—*E. A. Guest.*

The *Missionary Advocate,* our official organ, has had many discouraging moments but it has been able to survive, continuing to be an inspiration to all of its readers, even after its hard but never-failing struggle. Our Editor, Lenora N. Hobbs, feels that she has sustained a loss which it will be extremely difficult to surmount in the passing of our friend and her friend, advisor and contributor, the Editor Emeritus, the most widely known and beloved woman in the Union, Eliza Armstrong Cox, who fell asleep June 30, 1935. We will all greatly miss her counsel and information which she gave so freely. There is no word which so well describes her very self as "alert," for she was alert in both body and mind. It is a comfort to know that in her last illness she was so happy that she had gone

to Wichita and that her work was completed in the Union which she so dearly loved and carefully organized. She gave the Union an onward look when, in the closing moments of its last session, she arose and stated "an old-fashioned concern," as she called it, to have all Yearly Meetings of Friends of all branches within the Woman's Missionary Union of Friends in America and let it be rightfully named. We voted yes and promised her that we would invite them, little thinking we would be without her guiding hand, or that it would be her benediction. This we must try to fulfill.

VIRGINIA PEELLE, *President.*
FAYE FARR, *Corresponding Secretary.*

44. Clarence E. Pickett, Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, spoke on phases of the Committee's present work and of its contemplated undertakings. Following is the Committee's report:

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

The major emphasis in the American Friends Service Committee when it last reported to the Five Years Meeting session was on its Foreign Service. The present wave of nationalism in this and other countries had not yet arrived. The hopeful mood that preparation for war was over and that united effort toward world cooperation might be maintained and strengthened still characterized our international temper. During the eight intervening years, such optimism has largely disappeared. The Service Committee, however, maintains its Centres in Geneva, Paris, Vienna and Berlin, in cooperation with the Friends Service Council of London and Dublin Yearly Meetings.

During the eight year period there has been a deepening and strengthening of the Quaker Movement that is indigenous to the various countries of Europe, especially Germany, France and Switzerland. Due to civil strife in Austria, our Vienna Centre has had to re-establish relief on a large scale. More than a quarter of a million dollars have been expended for relief since February, 1933, most of which has been given by the International Federation of Trade Unions. The administration of this fund has placed a heavy

burden of responsibility upon our staff in Vienna, but it has been an international service of striking significance.

It would seem to the Service Committee that the Five Years Meeting might render a signal service by encouraging frequent correspondence on behalf of its constituent Yearly Meetings, with the new Yearly Meetings that have grown up in Germany and in France. A movement is now under way which will make it possible for persons wishing to join the American Society of Friends, but who are living in these foreign countries, to become members of our Society.

With nationalism tending to cut off intercommunication between countries, and with the present danger of war in Europe and the Orient, it seems to us more important than ever that these Centres of spiritual interpretation should be maintained in the very heart of the leading European capitals.

The same spirit which prompted our Foreign Service has led to the establishment of the Peace Section and to its extension. Two principal forms of Service have developed during this period of eight years. First, Caravans for young people. These have been carried on now for six years, with satisfactory results, both for those to whom the Caravans go and for the caravaners themselves. A number of younger men and women, who are now coming to be leaders in the peace movement, have found their start in that direction as caravaners when they were college students. The other significant item in the Peace Section program is the development of nine International Relations Institutes scattered throughout the country. These schools, conducted for two weeks, usually on the grounds of one of our leading colleges or universities, are designed to train ministers, teachers, leaders of women's clubs, secretaries of Y. M. C. A., teachers of social science, and others in the techniques of pacific development in the spiritual basis of a peace message, and to bring down to date information concerning the modern economic and political forces that have to do with war and peace. It is hoped that this service may be extended, and the cooperation of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Church is particularly welcomed to this end.

The Home Service Section has been interested in finding opportunities for service for young Friends and others in fields of conflict in our own country. In 1927 that work was just beginning. During the past summer, well over one hundred young Friends have been active in various forms of work, including physical work and study

of causes of industrial conflict. This has been accomplished by Work Camps, where those who participate spend most of their time in physical work, undertaking to make a contribution by presenting to a group of under-privileged people a swimming pool, a water system, or some needed improvement, and at the same time study the causes for maladjustment which have resulted in the denial of these privileges to those among whom they serve.

The largest piece of Service in this country has been carried on in the bituminous coal areas, beginning with relief on the invitation of the Federal Administration in 1931. We are now engaged in certain educational and reconstructive measures, particularly in the eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania coal fields. We have also cooperated with the Federal Government's program for the development of resettlement of unemployed workers from abandoned coal camps to new communities.

It is our conviction that the true function of the Service Committee is in the field of re-education, of working out new patterns by which life may be lived creatively in coal camp communities, and in developing the spiritual and physical capacities of persons who thus far have been seriously underprivileged. This work has now come to the point where the Service Committee feels that it is right to recognize it by establishing a Social Order Section, which shall include the Home Service work and projects and studies heretofore conducted by the Coal Relief Committee.

At the present time there are about thirty-five persons who are working in one form or another for the year round with the American Friends Service Committee, and about one hundred who give time during the summer. Many of these receive no compensation, and some pay their own way. During the more difficult period for securing funds, ways have been found of expanding the service, although it has been impossible to expand the budget, except for relief. Through the constant process of opening the way for young Friends to express their religious convictions in conflict areas, it is hoped that we may gradually build up a much more consciously concerned Society of Friends on behalf of a Christian social order.

Twenty-three out of the twenty-nine Yearly Meetings on the American continent cooperate with the work of the American Friends Service Committee by appointing members on the Committee. But in view of the present-day drift toward the regimentation of conscience, the possibility of war, the desirability of an increased impetus

to the peace movement, we are far from realizing the full possibilities of the strength and power of the Society of Friends through this agency. Opportunities for influencing actions of our Government and of laying the foundation for the expression of a spirit of understanding and good will open widely to us, but cannot always be accepted because of lack of dedicated personalities or of funds. We believe God is calling us to a fuller and richer experience in his life as we dedicate ourselves to the task of living out the spirit and testimonies of Friends.

CLARENCE E. PICKETT, *Executive Secretary.*

45. The Board on Education presented its report, as follows, the same being read by the chairman, Raymond Binford, North Carolina. The recommendations are referred to the Business Committee. (See Minute 58-4).

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD ON EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

The Board of Education of the Five Years Meeting is appointed to represent the interest which the Society of Friends has in education. It should seek to convey to the institutions the spiritual concerns which the Society has for them on the one hand, and on the other it should interpret to the Society the work and life of these institutions. It should not be too closely identified with the administration of the colleges because it would then have a tendency to become an expression of the interest of the presidents in their own institutions, and an effort on their part to recommend themselves to the Society and to interpret themselves to it.

When the Board was first formed in 1902, it was especially instructed to support Bible study courses in our colleges and Bible institutes. It was also to consider the establishment of advanced work in Biblical instruction in one of our colleges and to arrange for the appointment of trustees to handle gifts and bequests for general or specific educational purposes.

ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD

A review of the work of the Board was published in *The American Friend,* June 25, 1931 and June 26, 1934.

For many years the Board has been meeting in January in connection with the annual sessions of the National Council of the Church

Boards of Education, and the Association of American Colleges. This has made it difficult to keep in touch with the secondary schools. Lack of funds however, made it impractical to meet at another time. In 1931, we did make a special effort to have the High School men with us, and did give consideration to their problems. Four of the six schools now related to meetings belonging to the Five Years Meeting are located in New York and New England. They prefer to join with other Friends Schools in the East for counsel, so the Board has not found it practical to do much work with them. This does not indicate that the Board does not consider the high school work significant. In fact, we find that life trends are pretty definitely fixed when students enter college, and that the high school age is much more plastic than the college age. We believe, therefore, that the Society should give much more attention to the school training of students at this level. This may call for a different organization of the Board than now exists.

During the past three years, lack of funds has made it impossible to have a meeting of even the Executive Committee of the Board, so it has been necessary to carry on the work by correspondence.

A six months' leave of absence from Guilford College gave the Chairman of the Board an opportunity to devote a considerable amount of time to a study of Quaker education. He spent two weeks in the office of the Association of American Colleges in New York City, five weeks with Pendle Hill School as headquarters, and a little over two months visiting the colleges related to the Five Years Meeting, and Pacific College. He held eleven conferences with faculty groups at the different colleges, gave twelve addresses at college centers, and had interviews on college problems with forty-two different faculty members.

His inquiries were directed principally along five lines, namely: the content and administration of the curriculum; the size, the housing and administration of the library; the financial condition of the college; the moral and spiritual guidance of the students; and the relationship of the college to the Yearly Meeting.

Results of Activities

There has been very fine fellowship, as the college men have gotten together annually and considered the problems of Quaker education. An exchange of experiences and ideas has contributed to mutual helpfulness and understanding.

The trustees of the Board of Education have been reorganized. On December 31, 1934, the Treasurer of the trustees reported that they held securities, taken at face value, to the amount of $9100. The income from these funds is subject to the direction of the Board of Education. Some of it was used recently to help pay the expenses of the survey of our colleges. Previous to this the income had been allowed to accumulate and be added to the principal. At the last meeting of the Board, it was decided to transfer our funds to the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting.

Under the auspices of the Association of American Colleges, and the Council of Church Boards, we have made a survey of the colleges related to the Five Years Meeting. A part of the findings of the survey has been published in *Christian Education,* and the rest has been typed and put in the hands of the presidents of the colleges.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting be instructed to appoint six additional members to the Board. These additional members are not to be directly connected with the administration of any of our colleges or schools. They are to be men or women of deep spiritual insight and are to have an interest in education and a fair understanding of its problems. We are asking that the Executive Committee appoint these additional members so that more time may be given to the careful selection of right persons than is possible during the sessions of the Five Years Meeting.

It is further recommended that the Executive Committee be requested to consider the appropriation of enough funds to enable the Board to meet once a year to give a thorough consideration to the educational program of the Five Years Meeting and to the problems involved.

Raymond Binford, *Chairman.*

46. The Board on Prohibition and Public Morals presented the following report, which was briefly spoken to by Dora B. Clark, Baltimore, secretary-treasurer of the Board. The special recommendations are referred to the Business Committee. (See Minute 96.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PROHIBITION AND PUBLIC MORALS

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

It is fitting that this Report should begin with a recognition of the long and faithful service of its Chairman, S. Edgar Nicholson, whose death occurred October 17, 1934. His life-long devotion to the cause of Temperance, coupled with unusual ability, keen judgment and kindliness of manner, made him an outstanding leader in this field. For many years he held an official position in the Anti-Saloon League, so that he was familiar with all legislation on this subject and eminently fitted to speak for us before Congressional Committees. Our Board on Prohibition and Public Morals was highly favored that he gave so much of his time and thought to its interests. Indeed, the work of this Board has been so largely the work of its Chairman that it is difficult for any one else to give any adequate report of its activities without his advice and counsel. We can only go over the files of correspondence and the statements sent out by our Board, and cull the things that seem most important.

As heretofore, the Board has endeavored to keep in touch with the Temperance Committees, Ministers and workers in our Five Years Meeting, seeking to uphold and strengthen the interest among our own members. To this end, letters and bulletins were sent out frequently, calling attention to the points upon which special emphasis was needed at the time, and offering to aid with plans, information, literature, or financial assistance if necessary. Often with these were sent pertinent statements put out by other Church Boards or by other temperance organizations, with samples of valuable leaflets. Some of these bulletins were offered to the Press and were printed in such papers as the New York *Evening Post, Tribune,* and *Times,* and the Philadelphia *Bulletin.* Many such articles from his pen were printed in other papers in different parts of the country.

Our Chairman kept in close touch with all outstanding temperance organizations. Many miles of travel and many days of time were given to consultations with leaders in temperance movements and to attending conferences. In all groups in which our Board was entitled to representation, as "The National Temperance and Prohibition Council," and the earlier "Conference of Organizations Supporting the Eighteenth Amendment," he was our delegate as long as health permitted, always taking an active part. It is difficult to draw a sharp line of distinction between the work he did for our

Board and that for other organizations, but since it was all done for the advancement of the same cause, all was in some measure an asset to our Board. He represented the Five Years Meeting on the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches and highly valued his connection there, but his special interest was to develop more activity along temperance lines. His ideal was that their "Commission on the Church and Social Service" should develop a constructive plan for temperance education which would serve as a standard for Church Boards generally, and the courteous reception he was receiving led him to feel that he was making real progress in this line.

Requests for literature came to him from far and wide, and hundreds of pages were sent out each year, some which he had written, and some which he had selected. Students and others wrote for information and counsel, and these always met a ready response. Some requests for literature have been received and supplied since our Chairman's death, one book and pamphlet going so far as to a Friend in Australia.

In 1931 the following books were furnished to the Lending Library of the Friends Board of Missions: "The Noble Experiment," by Irving Fisher; "When the Brewers Had the Strangle Hold," by Ernest Gordon; "The Evolution of Prohibition in the United States," by Ernest H. Cherrington; "Prohibition and Prosperity," by Samuel Crowthers; "Prohibition, Its Industrial and Economic Aspects," by Professor Herman Feldman; "Alcohol and Human Life," by Courtney C. Weeks; "Handbook of Modern Facts About Alcohol," by Cora Frances Stoddard. In February, 1932, subscriptions to *The Union Signal* were sent to four of our women missionaries in other countries.

The various individuals on our Board have done good work in their own communities, but because it was so seldom possible to have a meeting of even our Executive Committee we looked to our Chairman to initiate and carry out plans, giving our comment and approval as occasion required.

We are now faced with a change in our Federal Administration in regard to the traffic in alcoholic liquors which necessitates some changes in our methods of work, but we are not ready to yield to the liquor interests the right to build up a licensed traffic in such liquors and exploit the people of our nation for their own gain. In the words of our Chairman, written about two years ago, and they

are no less true today, "America needs yet to learn that the right of individuals and groups to the use of liquor, or their right to have a chance to get it, is not superior to the right of all other citizens and the social order that constitutes the nation, to be protected from the generally recognized evils arising from its traffic and use." It is our task now to build a public sentiment that will support that view.

We would, therefore, stress the need for more constructive educational work among our young people. Our meetings should see to it that an interested and competent person is in charge of this work in every Yearly, Quarterly and Monthly Meeting, in every Bible School and Young People's group, or wherever there is opportunity to work with children. Our own members are our first responsibility, but we must not stop there. We particularly need to emphasize more scientific Temperance Instruction in our Public Schools, using up-to-date methods and facts gathered from present-day conditions, avoiding exaggeration and unsupported claims; to emphasize self-control and discipline in all phases of life, of which discipline total abstinence from alcoholic liquors is an important part.

Adults are also in need of education. How far we failed in our responsibility to exercise the right of franchise is shown by the fact that the Eighteenth Amendment was repealed by less than one-fourth of the qualified voters of the country. Now we see on every hand evidences of the falsity of the promises made by the repealists. None of their systems of control has been able to lessen the evils which the traffic imposes upon society. We believe that prohibition of the traffic must be our ultimate goal. Meanwhile individuals and local organizations should keep a watchful eye on developments in their own communities so that definite facts will be available on which to base state or national legislation.

We need also to use our influence to help secure legislation prohibiting all forms of advertising of alcoholic beverages and narcotics; our individual protests against the advertisements that come into our homes in our newspapers and magazines and by radio, if given in the right spirit, may accomplish more than we think.

It is imperative that we keep our contacts with other organizations and groups working for the same cause in order that we may be well informed, that we may cooperate with them in making plans and that we may be ready to combine our strength with theirs in carrying out the plans upon which we can agree. Friends cannot do this work alone.

We are not unmindful that the scope of our Board covers other moral questions with which we are deeply concerned and for which we have a corporate responsibility. While no material is at hand on which to base a report of activity along these lines, we doubt not that much work has been done by Friends as individuals and as groups, in bearing testimony against such evils as improper literature, unclean movies, divorce, lotteries, and other forms of gambling. The moral let-down of the times must impress us with the necessity of greater activity in seeking to remedy these conditions.

It is important at this time that Friends should let their position be known and their influence be felt on great moral questions; therefore we submit the following statement for your consideration, and such action as may be approved:

"Believing that the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors is an evil that should not have the sanction and protection of our government, and seeing on every hand evidences of the failure of the relegalized traffic to lessen the problems of drunkenness and crime, we urge Friends to use their influence and their votes to secure the abolition of the traffic as rapidly as possible in all political units, local, county, state and national; meanwhile keeping a watchful eye on developments in our own communities, in our nation and in other countries so that we may have facts available upon which to base future legislation.

"We would encourage Friends to maintain our testimony by precept and by example, in favor of total abstinence for the individual. We are not in sympathy with those who advocate the moderate use of alcohol as a way to solve the liquor problem.

"We are alarmed at the large amount of advertising by the press, the radio, and other agencies, of liquor and narcotics, and we favor a ban on all such efforts to encourage and increase their use.

"We are unalterably opposed to the licensing of such evils as lotteries, race tracks, and other forms of gambling, and of the liquor traffic, in order to raise revenue for our government.

"Realizing the vast power of the motion picture industry, and the great influence of moving pictures upon the morals of our people, we would cooperate with others who are striving for clean and wholesome pictures, by careful selection of the ones which we encourage by our attendance, and by appropriate legislation."

For the Board,

DORA B. CLARK, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

47. The Business Committee reported by its Chairman, L. Hollingsworth Wood, as follows:

(1) That with this Five Years Meeting in 1935, we start a new cycle of Five Years Meeting sessions so that our next gathering be convened in 1940.

(2) As to the request of the Commission on Friendly Training of Ministers and Members, we approve of having such Commission continued, and so recommend to the Five Years Meeting with the additions requested. We further recommend that the request from Nebraska be referred to such Commission. (See Minutes 30 and 31.)

(3) As to the report of the Executive Committee—(See Minute 27.)

a. Question as to Relief of Aged Ministers and Missionaries. The Business Committee are united in reporting to the Five Years Meeting that in their opinion the pooling of resources of the various Yearly Meetings at this time is neither advisable nor practicable, and that an effort to accumulate a larger fund at this time, in view of financial uncertainties of the times and the other needs of our Friendly work, offers little prospect of success. We recommend that each Yearly Meeting be asked to appoint a suitable person or committee to have the matter in charge, the person or the chairman of the committee to be ex-officio a member of the Five Years Meeting committee on this subject to study the question, including methods of equitable distribution.

b. We further recommend that the avenues of approach to strongly financed life insurance or annuity companies for care of these problems, on lines similar to well established teacher pension funds, be further explored so that the cooperation of the individual, the Yearly Meeting, and the Five Years Meeting may be helpfully developed, for we feel that any funds we attempt to raise will be more wisely invested in such a program than in any effort to run an annuity plan of our own.

c. In view of the small amount of indebtedness still attaching to the Five Years Meeting, we recommend that a determined effort be made to clear us of debt within the next five year period and that a specific sum be added to the budget each year for this purpose until the indebtedness is liquidated.

(4) Concerning the special Bible School offerings, we recommend the approval of the recommendation of the Executive Committee of October 21, 1935, and suggest that the action of our Meeting be re-

ferred to the Board of Religious Education for transmission to the Bible Schools of our Yearly Meetings.

(5) Referring to the action taken at the Five Years Meeting in 1927 providing that all annuity trust and endowment funds be under the management and control of the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting, we recommend that it be called to the attention of all Trustees of Five Years Meeting funds who have not attended to this instruction and that they be authorized and empowered to turn over to the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting all funds in their hands.

The Meeting considered the above recommendations in order and approved each.

48. The question was raised as to the legality of our trustees serving longer than the terms for which they were appointed. The Business Committee is requested to report on this matter. (See Minute 58-1.)

FIFTH DAY, THE TWENTY-FOURTH

7:30 p. m.

49. The Meeting assembled at 7:30. This session was appointed as a time for messages from Fraternal Delegates. William F. Nicholson, Secretary of London Yearly Meeting, with J. Passmore Elkinton, Philadelphia, conferred with other delegates and arranged for certain persons to address the Meeting.

Messages containing matters of challenge, interest and variety were given by William F. Nicholson, London; Alfred C. Garrett, Philadelphia; Edith Rowntree Sturge, London; Allan A. Jacobs, Jamaica; Isaac Swain, Dublin; Karlin Capper Johnson and Francis L. P. Sturge, London; John Henry and Dorothy M. Sinton, Dublin; and J. Passmore Elkinton, Philadelphia.

SIXTH DAY, THE TWENTY-FIFTH
9:30 a. m.

50. The Meeting assembled at 9:30. The minutes of yesterday afternoon and evening were read.

51. The Meeting received with appreciation a message, transmitted by air and wire, reading, "Love, friendship. German Friends." The Meeting directed that a letter of greeting be sent to the Friends of Germany.

52. The Clerk asked the Meeting to send a letter of greeting to Sarah J. Swift, Worcester, Mass., who has attended all the Five Years Meetings except this one. The Meeting approved.

53. The thought of the Crisis of Religion in Human Relations was presented by Clarence E. Pickett, Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, who maintained that a sacrificial and loving spirit must penetrate and motivate all human relations, commercial, industrial, social and international.

54. Homer L. Morris, General Chairman of the Commission on Human Relations, then took charge of the meeting, and briefly introduced the six types of Quaker outreach exhibited by the various sections of his Commission.

55. In the consideration of The Individual and the State, four members of that section of Commission II spoke briefly. Anna J. Michener, Kansas, told of her State's refusal to exempt any one from military training in Kansas State College. Wilbur W. Kamp, New York, related experiences of some young Friends in the draft for the world war. W. Perry Kissick, Indiana, reasoned that Friends' positions against war are in keeping with the spirit of Jesus Christ, and in being obedient to Him we are not disloyal to our nation. He made a plea for a democracy which will rightly respect Christian conscience. Elbert Russell, North

Carolina, chairman of the section, showed the possibilities of a course of non-violence to challenge and change public opinion to more liberal attitudes toward those who deplore the wrongs in our present system.

56. A discussion on Economic Life and Relationships was introduced by Homer L. Morris; and W. Bruce Hadley, Chairman of this section, led in presentation of the general aspects of the subject. Other speakers, William E. Simkin, New York; William C. Dennis, President of Earlham College; and Alvin T. Coate, Western, further developed varied views which elicited much interest in the Meeting.

SIXTH DAY, THE TWENTY-FIFTH

2:00 p. m.

57. At two o'clock the Meeting convened. The minutes of the forenoon session were read.

58. The Business Committee reported as follows:

(1) Your Committee has been informed pursuant to the action of the Meeting yesterday that it is their duty to nominate Trustees for the Five Years Meeting. We find that the terms of three Trustees have expired and accordingly nominate for the office of Trustees of the Five Years Meeting for ten years, and until their successors are appointed, the following named Friends: E. Harrison Scott, Richmond, Indiana; J. Rufus Hinshaw, New Castle, Indiana, Burritt M. Hiatt, Wilmington, Ohio. And further we recommend that Isaac T. Johnson, Charles A. Reeve, Nathan Binford and Alonzo M. Gardner, who were appointed Trustees in 1927, hold office until their successors are chosen.

The Five Years Meeting by unanimous vote elected the nominees above named to serve as Trustees of the electing body, and by the same ballot continued the office of those elected in 1927 until their successors are chosen. (See Minute 48.)

(2) At this time we wish to record our deep appreciation for the work being done by William Wade Hinshaw, of Washington, D. C.,

in behalf of Quaker genealogy and in stimulating various Meetings of Friends to safeguard their records and record books. At great personal expense and without thought of material gain for himself, he is compiling for permanent record the names, dates and acts of Friends in America. Such compilation, based upon Monthly Meeting records furnished him, will be placed by William Wade Hinshaw in the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., and at the centers of such Yearly Meetings as have complied by supplying the Minutes he has requested. We urge Friends to cooperate fully in this effort. The Clerk of the Five Years Meeting is directed to supply William Wade Hinshaw with a copy of this Minute.

(3) We recommend that the Executive Committee give earnest attention to the subject of encouraging our Yearly Meetings to take immediate and adequate steps that will safeguard their own and their subordinate meetings' records.

(4) With reference to the report of the Board on Education, the Business Committee recommends that instead of the six additional members requested in their report, the Nominating Committee be instructed to bring forward names of five Friends as members at large (in keeping with other Boards) and that care be taken that at least five members of the whole Board are not directly connected with the administration of any of our colleges or schools. We recommend that the Executive Committee be requested to consider the appropriation of enough funds to enable the Board to meet once a year. (See Minute 45.)

(5) On the request of California Yearly Meeting to provide blanks for conveying information as to change in residence of members, we recommend that this request be referred to the Executive Committee with instructions to work out some uniform blank for exchanging information as to Friends who have moved to other locations, and suggest that they print on the back of such forms brief directions as to the use of such blanks. (See Minute 41.)

The above recommendations were severally considered and approved by the Meeting.

59. For the Board on Religious Education, Edgar H. Stranahan, Indiana, Chairman, presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

1. *Yearly Meeting Committees:* This Board has accomplished its promotion work through Yearly Meeting committees. More than 10,000 copies of pamphlets and folders have been distributed, free, through them. Contacts with local Bible schools have been established through these committees. The programs and methods of work of one Yearly Meeting have been received and circulated among the others. Information has been sent to each Yearly Meeting concerning Leadership Training credits and chartered, organized classes.

2. *Field Secretary:* Being financially assisted by the Publication Board, this Board placed Marie Cassell in the field from August 1, 1928 to January 1, 1931, and again from September 1, 1931 to December 15, 1931. North Carolina Friends, in addition, employed her for work in their own Yearly Meeting for a few months in 1934.

She visited most of the Yearly Meetings, at least once. She held conferences in a large number of Quarterly and local meetings; interviewed Bible School superintendents; spoke before various groups; conducted Leadership Training classes; established Vacation Church Schools; secured the use of Friends literature and in other ways stimulated our Bible School work. A very distinct loss was suffered, in every phase of the work, when funds were no longer made available for her continuance.

3. *Cooperation with Other Boards:* Advances have been made to other Boards toward cooperative efforts in the field of Religious Education. Special efforts have been made in connection with the Boards of Missions, Peace, Publication and Young Friends. Some of these efforts have resulted in actual achievements, but not as much was accomplished as may in the future be worked out.

Contacts with our Colleges have resulted in quite a few students receiving Leadership Training credits for their work in college.

A few Yearly Meeting committees charged with the responsibility of drafting courses of study for prospective ministers have been assisted.

4. *State Councils:* In those states where Friends are found in sufficient numbers to warrant the action, arrangements have been made whereby Friends were represented on the Councils of Chris-

tian Education. Yearly Meetings have been urged to continue their cooperative relationships with the Councils and to give their financial support.

5. *International Council and World's Association:* Money grants have annually been made to each of these organizations. In many other ways the Board has had a part in these larger programs of Christian Education.

Representatives from the Board have served on the Executive Committee, Educational Commission, Advisory Sections, Standing committees, and special committees of the International Council.

Some very definite values have come to Friends by these cooperative relations. From the Council a considerable number of pamphlets and booklets has been received and distributed to a large number of leaders and committees.

Conventions, conferences and camps have been announced and have been attended by various Friends. Annually Friends have received a scholarship which has made it possible for several young Friends to attend the International Council Camps.

Not alone have Friends received benefits from the Council, but there are reasons to think that Friends have made their contributions, aside from the small financial aid given.

6. *Pamphlets:* Pamphlets have been issued on the following subjects: Leadership Training, Sunday School Improvement, Objectives in Christian Education, Explanation of the Standard, A Friends Standard, Friendly Books, The Church Vacation School, A Standard Wall Chart.

7. *Organized Classes:* Following numerous requests, a new attractive Charter was designed. These have been issued to Young People's and Adult Organized Classes upon application and an indication of having met certain requirements. The numbers now granted are: Young People, 137; Adults, 127. Charter Classes are registered in 12 Yearly Meetings.

At first, Bulletins were sent to these classes. Later special materials were printed in *The American Friend* and copies of that paper were sent to the classes.

8. *Our Symbol:* Working in line with the action of the Publication Board in selecting the name William Penn to designate its Bible School helps, this Board placed a picture of Penn on all of its pamphlets.

9. *Standard B:* Standard B, issued by the International Council, this Board cooperating in its construction, has been recommended for use among Friends. For the help of those Yearly Meetings and local Bible Schools desiring a more simple Standard, a Friends Standard was issued.

10. *Twenty-five Denominations Surveyed:* Our Board joined with these denominations in making a survey of the Religious Education work being undertaken by each. In financial support it was found that these denominations, as a whole, averaged 11 cents per capita. Friends ranked the lowest of them all with only three cents per capita. This survey was made a few years ago, since which time Friends have surely not improved.

11. *Church Vacation Schools:* Various names have been in popular use for these Schools, but this is the official name, adopted by the International Council and approved by this Board.

Early in the period covered by this report, considerable work was done in arousing an intelligent interest in the Church Vacation School movement, with satisfactory results. Schools were started, a large number of pupils attended and very gratifying results were obtained. Many of these Schools have been maintained through the years.

From the beginning it was difficult to obtain adequate reports of the Schools. It seemed impractical to ask Yearly Meetings to adopt a uniform system of report blanks. For three years no effort has been made to gather statistics. Yearly Meeting Minutes, however, indicate that there are many such Schools doing abiding work.

12. *Special Movements:* Cooperative relations have been established and maintained with numerous interdenominationally managed movements, more or less related to the work of Religious Education. Among these are those that have fostered, in a rather large way, the Church Vacation School, the Week-day Schools of Religion, Peace instruction, Missions, Religious Education Week, Recognition of Teachers, International and World Conventions.

13. *The American Friend:* Articles on a wide range of subjects in the general field of Religious Education have been written by writers who have been secured by this Board. Book reviews of books treating this field have been furnished from time to time.

14. *Leadership Training:* With the exception of the field work done by Marie Cassell, the work of Leadership Training leads all other phases. More and more there is evidence of increased interest in and a recognition of the worth of Leadership Training.

Figures do not, of course, tell all the story, but they reveal the following:

Yearly Meetings	*Individuals Earning Credits*	*No. of Credits*
New England	42	119
New York	125	262
Philadelphia	67	115
Baltimore	76	114
North Carolina	130	186
Wilmington	35	51
Ohio	22	26
Indiana	415	1072
Western	367	732
Iowa	418	1317
Nebraska	142	290
Kansas	141	321
California	237	533
Oregon	10	10

Thirty-six have completed the 120 hours of work needful for receiving the Standard Diploma. These are distributed by Yearly Meetings as follows: Iowa, 25; Western, 1; Indiana, 2; California, 5; Kansas, 3. There are now 136 persons who have six or more credits toward the twelve needed for the Diploma. Altogether there have been 2,232 persons who have earned a total of 5,148 Standard Leadership Training credits. With the New Leadership Training Courses, which are more simple and more practical, it is reasonable to expect that the immediate future will see much more work accomplished.

15. *Conclusion:* The future of this work is just as bright as the support the Five Years Meeting will make it. Religious Education is no longer confined to the one session of the Bible School. The Church Vacation and the Week-day Schools, the Leadership Training Classes and Schools, and the growing concern for an educational approach to and method in every department of Church work, make it imperative that a very careful estimate of this entire work shall be made. Large plans should be formulated for the adequate financing and manning of this Board for the next period of service.

On behalf of the Board,

EDGAR H. STRANAHAN, *Chairman.*

60. The report of the Peace Association of Friends in America was introduced by William E. Berry, Iowa, President.

REPORT OF THE PEACE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

The Peace Association of Friends in America, the Peace Board of the Five Years Meeting, has felt that its chief work was among Friends to help them to realize their own peace testimony, and to have convictions in regard to it; also to suggest ways in which Friends could practically assist in the various movements leading toward peace and international good will.

Immediately after the last Five Years Meeting sessions, the Peace Board assumed that each local meeting should have a small group, presumably a peace committee, that should become expert in those matters relating to world peace and good will. To that end quite a little correspondence was carried on with Yearly Meeting peace committees to urge them to start a campaign in their Yearly Meetings for the study of the peace question by local committees, to the end that they become experts in their communities.

To assist in the movement the Peace Board offered to help finance the sending out of peace workers to meet with local committees. These workers would be selected by the Yearly Meeting committees and their itinerary planned by them. Several Yearly Meeting committees responded, and the Peace Board paid the expenses of the workers. Some effective work was done until the movement was stopped by lack of funds.

During the whole period the main enterprise has been the publishing of *The Messenger of Peace.* Both to save expense, and to secure a larger circle of readers, it has appeared as a supplement of *The American Friend,* although an edition has been printed separately for regular subscribers. Walter C. Woodward has been the very able and efficient editor. The value of the periodical has been recognized by many, including non-Friends.

During the whole period the Chairman has kept in contact with Yearly Meeting committees, working through them to get work done by local meetings, urging the observance of Armistice Day as a day to celebrate peace in local communities; and suggesting the sending

of letters and telegrams to Washington on various matters relating to peace. This has seemed of some importance as the disarmament question, world court, military appropriations, naval maneuvers, and other matters have come up.

The Chairman has attended two annual meetings of the National Council for the Prevention of War, a few Meetings of the Peace Section of the American Friends Service Committee, and the Northwestern Institute of International Relations in 1934. He has attempted to cooperate with these and other peace agencies.

Report prepared by,

WILLIAM E. BERRY, *President.*

61. Alvin T. Coate, Western, Chairman of the Publication Board, presented for the Board the following report:

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

In accordance with the arrangement put in force at the sessions in 1927, the Publication Board was appointed by the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting in December, 1927, as follows: as members of the Business Council, Isaac T. Johnson, Alvin T. Coate and E. Harrison Scott; as members of the Editorial Council, William O. Mendenhall, John R. Cary and Arthur M. Charles—the two Councils constituting the Board. The Board organized with Alvin T. Coate, Chairman, Isaac T. Johnson, Secretary, and E. Harrison Scott, Treasurer. In May, 1929, Homer L. Morris was appointed to the Editorial Council to succeed John R. Cary, deceased.

Since statistical data will be found in the report of the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting, this statement of stewardship is limited to a few general observations concerning our activities and administration.

During the first two years of the depression, subscriptions to The American Friend held up well, then dropped off within a little more than a year, approximately one thousand subscribers, bringing the subscription list to the low level of about 2800. The Board was faced with the dilemma of so curtailing the number of pages as to make the paper little more than a bulletin, or of reducing the subscription price. To enable us to do the latter, a fortnightly issue was reluctantly decided upon. Little or no criticism of this change has been heard; on the other hand, many Friends have expressed hearty approval of the policy adopted. The circulation of the paper is again

on the up-grade, being now 3150. The formation of subscription clubs has contributed much toward this encouraging trend, and we would encourage our local meetings to make increasing use of the club plan.

The Book Store is doing a real service to Friends throughout our entire area in encouraging the reading of Friendly literature and of select books generally. Operating at a modest and necessary profit through effective management, its income is able largely to absorb the deficit in the publication of *The American Friend.*

In volume and significance, large place is given to our Bible School publications. The present circulation of the chief of these periodicals is as follows:

Adult Quarterly	19,000
Teachers Monthly	2,000
Intermediate and Senior Quarterly	5,000
Junior Quarterly	2,000
Primary Quarterly	1,000
Penn Weekly	4,500

We confess our inability thus far to create our own copy for these Helps, but we have not abandoned the ideal.

For several years, the Publication Board has had no subsidy or appropriation from the Five Years Meeting. It has had, therefore, to be self-sustaining or to suspend. Nevertheless it exists not for profit but for the service it may render to its constituents and to the Five Years body as an organization. Whatever net income it enjoys is promptly reflected in lowered prices or in increased service to Friends.

By reason of extraordinary and non-repeatable economies, the Board has been enabled to render services to the Five Years Meeting, in addition to its own activities, as follows: it has appropriated $1800 to the Board on Religious Education for services of a Field Secretary; it loaned $1000 to the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting to further its work among the Yearly Meetings; it appropriated $500 toward the payment of the old Promotion note against the Five Years Meeting, held by a local bank, and has purchased the unpaid balance of the note, amounting to $3539.45. It stands to reason that these services have been rendered at the expense of certain vital services that might otherwise have been performed, yet we feel them to have been justified in the larger interest of all.

We ask for our successors your continued and increasing loyalty so that forward steps may again be taken and long deferred hopes realized.

ALVIN T. COATE, *Chairman*
ISAAC T. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

62. Following is the report of the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting, E. G. Crawford. The report of the Auditor covering the Treasurer's accounts and the accounts of treasurers of all Boards is annexed.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

The following statements have been prepared, showing the accounts of the Five Years Meeting for the period from March 31, 1927, to March 31, 1935, and are attached hereto as designated.

Exhibit A—Consolidated Summary of Income and Expenditures for the period from March 31, 1927, to March 31, 1935.

Exhibit B—Combined General Balance Sheet of the Five Years Meeting and its Boards as of March 31, 1935.

These statements have been prepared from the books kept in the Central Office or by Board treasurers after having been audited by the Auditor of the Five Years Meeting. It has seemed probable that detailed statements of the operations of each Board for the eight-year period would be too voluminous to be included in this report, but if further information is desired, it can readily be obtained from annual reports on file at the offices or from the Central Office bookkeeper.

We believe that attention should be called to the need for greater interest and dedication in our work, and this need is amply demonstrated in the comparison of the following budgets:

Administrative Budget—1927-28 ..... $ 8,066.30
Administrative Budget 1934-35 ..... $ 4,769.04
Total Contributions to United Budget—1927-28..... $123,485.64
Total Contributions to United Budget—1934-35..... $ 40,416.86

E. G. CRAWFORD, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF AUDITOR

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

I have acted as Auditor of the Five Years Meeting of Friends for the past two years and in that capacity have checked the records of the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting and also the records of the Treasurers of all of the Boards for the years ending March 31, 1934, and March 31, 1935.

I have found the records in good condition, and transactions regularly entered on the books in such a way as to show clearly the true financial status of the various funds and accounts. Detailed statements, including itemized schedules of each Board, have been submitted to the Executive Committee after the audit each year. In these statements I have called attention to matters which I felt needed the consideration of the Committee. These reports are on file at the Central Office.

I have cooperated with the Treasurer in the preparation of his report, which covers a period of eight years. While it has been necessary to confine this report to totals for the eight-year period, detailed reports have been made each year and given to the Executive Committee and to the various Boards.

Records of the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting and all of the Boards, except the Board of Education, the Peace Association and the Board on Prohibition and Public Morals, are now kept at the Central Office in Richmond, and I would recommend that the records of these also be transferred to Richmond unless it would seriously inconvenience their work.

An examination of the records reveals that while the contributions to the work of the Five Years Meeting have shown a marked decline during the eight-year period, the total indebtedness of the entire organization has been reduced to the mortgage of $3500 on the Central Office building and some inter-department obligations.

JESSE O. PARSHALL.

Exhibit "B"

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET
of the
FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS AND ITS BOARDS
as of March, 1935

ASSETS

CASH			
Checking Accounts:			
Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting	$ 1,616.41		
A. F. Board of Missions—General	6,755.98		
A. F. Board of Missions—Special	449.02		
Friends Book & Supply House	2,776.30		
The American Friend	875.82		
Board of Young Friends Activities	7.93		
Board on Religious Education	15.46		
Peace Association of Friends	388.69		
Board on Prohibition & Public Morals	188.86		
Board of Education	204.49	$13,278.96	
Savings Accounts		763.02	
Petty Cash held at offices		135.00	
Certificate of Deposit (Payable May 1, 1937)		328.77	
Accounts in closed banks—not yet paid out		120.64	$14,626.39
LOANS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE—Held by Pub. Bd.			4,539.45
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE			
Sales on Account and Unpaid Subscriptions		$ 6,185.02	
Unpaid Yearly Meeting Assessments		703.85	6,888.87
INVENTORIES—Publication Board—Books & Supplies			2,009.50
INVESTED FUNDS			
Mortgage Loans, active, unpledged		$69,170.36	
Mortgage Loans, foreclosed		6,054.87	
Bonds and Stock		5,401.00	
Savings Accounts		114.20	
Advanced to General Fund from Margin Fund —A. F. B. M.		1,412.95	
Uninvested Cash		2,036.12	84,189.50
FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT (Net)			1,135.06
REAL ESTATE—Central Office Building (Book Value)			10,000.00
OTHER ASSETS—Palestine Building			6,000.00
Total Assets			$129,388.77

LIABILITIES

LOANS AND NOTES PAYABLE		
United Promotion Note held by Publication Board	$3,539.45	
Loan to Cooperative Work by Publication Board	1,000.00	
Individual Loan to Young Friends Board	50.00	$4,589.45
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
For Purchases	$2,742.04	
Advance from Margin Fund of Mission Board	1,412.95	4,154.99
PREPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS—The American Friend		2,166.21
MORTGAGE PAYABLE—Held by Indiana Yrly. Mtg. on Central Office Building		3,500.00
ENDOWMENTS AND ANNUITY ACCOUNTS		
Mission Board General Endowment	$16,393.60	
Mission Board Permanent Endowment and Annuity	65,350.90	
Publication Board Endowment	545.00	
Women's Missionary Union Endowment	1,900.00	$84,189.50
SPECIAL ANNUITY—for Palestine Building		6,000.00
FUND BALANCES		
Mission Board Special Funds	$1,212.04	
Fund for Aged Ministers and Missionaries	667.71	
Emergency Account (Five Years Meeting)	556.22	
Central Office Building Account	1,162.60	
Reserve for Five Years Meeting of 1935	950.00	
Central Office Machine Account	.29	4,548.86
NET WORTH—SURPLUSES		
Equity in Central Office Building	$6,500.00	
Five Years Meeting General Fund	191.62	
American Friends Bd. of Missions	5,368.03	
Publication Bd.—Book & Supply House	13,964.02	
Peace Association of Friends in America	388.69	
Board on Prohibition & Public Morals	212.57	
Board of Education	301.42	$26,926.35
Less *DEFICITS*:		
Young Friends Board	$ 130.07	
Board on Religious Education	34.54	
Cooperative Promotion Account	5,737.63	
Publication Bd.—The American Friend	784.35	6,686.59	20,239.76
Total Liabilities			$129,388.77

Exhibit "A"

CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS	Treas. of F. Y. M.	Board of** Missions	Pub. Bd. Book & Supply	Pub. I American I
Yearly Meeting Assessments..	$ 51,231.63			
United Budget distribution ..	60,061.98	$398,471.07		$ 23
Direct contributions	100.00	155,393.56		2,469
Interest received	610.20	12,589.68	$ 300.74	
Share of Deficit Fund	7,840.02	14,381.45		
Share of income from an Estate		2,346.18		
Sales, Subscriptions, etc.....			234,115.89	56,671
Conference Registrations.....				
Equalization of Del. expenses	2,257.27			
Miscellaneous Income	415.89			
Appropriations from Pub. Bd.	12,100.00			
Rents from Bds. at Cent. Off.	14,402.25			
Borrowed Money	2,500.00	22,692.72		
Transfers		16,739.08		
Total Receipts $151,519.24		$622,613.74	$234,416.63	$59,164

CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FO

EXPENDITURES				
Support of Work on Fields..		$454,259.57		
Support of Aged Min. & Miss.	$ 25,363.70			
Administrative exp. (net)....	22,638.45	53,101.32	$ 38,056.14	$12,583
Promotional exp.	31,488.90	20,987.16		
Home Education		26,193.21		
Unexpected & Emerg. exp. ..	970.08	11,458.06		
Interest Paid	5,088.50	7,000.19		
Central Office expense	40,675.11			
Central Building Maintenance	11,711.65			
Five Years Meeting expense.	2,329.58			
Equalization of Del. exp.....	2,257.27			
Reserve Fund set aside		1,430.19		
Cost of Sales & Publications.			166,619.92	50,572.
Summer Conference expense				
Pension Fund		5,916.72		
Paid on Notes	10,166.21	39,133.26		
Appropriations	1,758.20		2,300.00	13,600.
Total Expenditures $154,447.65		$619,479.68	$206,976.06	$76,756.
Net Revenue or Loss.....$ –2,928.41		$ 3,134.06	$ 27,440.57*	$–17,591.

**Includes a combined summary of both the American Friends Board of Foreign Mi sions and the Boards of Home Missions for the years 1927-28 and 1928-29.

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RIOD FROM APRIL 1, 1927 TO MARCH 31, 1935

oard of g Friends	Board on Rel. Ed.	Peace Association	Board on Prohibition	Board of Education	TOTAL
					$ 51,231.63
585.34	$7,543.74	$12,660.22	$1,940.16	$1,187.16	497,572.91
619.15	10.00	5.00		800.00	159,397.14
			138.12	44.72	13,683.46
					22,221.47
					2,346.18
203.31		4,368.61	1.00		295,360.64
207.10					1,207.10
					2,257.27
	143.32				559.21
	1,800.00				13,900.00
					14,402.25
750.00					25,942.72
					16,739.08
464.90	$9,497.06	$17,033.83	$2,079.28	$2,031.88	$1,116,821.06

PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 1927, TO MARCH 31, 1935

					$454,259.57
					25,363.70
493.64	$10,179.99	$2,341.95	$2,534.16	$2,163.92	159,092.97
596.62	369.24	396.57	91.14	55.58	54,085.21
					26,193.21
					12,428.14
					12,088.69
					40,675.11
					11,711.65
					2,329.58
					2,257.27
					1,430.19
371.35		15,025.47			232,589.52
571.06					2,571.06
					5,916.72
500.00					49,899.47
					17,658.20
732.67	$10,549.23	$17,763.99	$2,625.30	$2,219.50	$1,110,550.26
67.77	$–1,052.17	$ –730.16	$ –546.02	$ –187.62	$ 6,270.80

reased by transfer of $21,000.00 from the Book & Supply House to The American
id.

63. The report of the Finance Committee was read and approved. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

In accordance with the provision in the Discipline, annual assessments of the Yearly Meetings have been made to care for certain administrative and other necessary expenses not otherwise provided for. The schedule of assessments for the period is as follows:

Fiscal Year	*Membership*	*Rate*	*Amount*
1928-1929	80,663	11 cents	$8872.93
1929-1930	79,903	10⅔ cents	8522.99
1930-1931	79,379	11 cents	8731.69
1931-1932	79,370	10½ cents	8333.85
1932-1933	79,256	5 cents	3962.80
1933-1934	79,444	4½ cents	3574.98
1934-1935	79,851	4½ cents	3593.29
1935-1936	79,484	6 cents	4769.04

It will be noted that for the past four years the assessment rate has been just about half what it had been for many preceding years. The reduction was made at a time when Yearly Meetings were finding it difficult to finance their budget programs, and this action was taken to help ease their burden. It was made possible by removing from the Administrative budget all items in favor of the Boards of the Five Years Meeting, leaving the Boards to look for all their income from the United Budget; by this method, and by reducing rigidly certain items remaining in the Administrative budget.

May we remind Friends of the main feature of our financial program. The united work of the Five Years Meeting is supplied in two ways: first, and principally, by the United Budget, which is on a purely voluntary contribution basis. It is thus that the work of the various Boards, such as Missions, Religious Education, Peace, Young Friends, etc., is carried on, and funds raised for the relief of aged ministers and workers.

The second method is the assessment distributed among the Yearly Meetings on a per capita basis—a method agreed to by the Yearly Meetings when the Five Years Meeting was established. Funds so secured go to maintain the work of the Central Office, provide for an annual meeting of the Executive Committee to carry on the business of the Five Years Meeting between sessions, maintain our cooperative relationship with the Federal Council of

Churches, and provide a few other necessary expenses. This is a comparatively small sum, constituting but about six and one-half per cent of the combined budget, and is kept at the lowest possible amount.

As at present arranged, the assessment upon the Yearly Meetings is not large enough to be a heavy burden, and we would urge upon our constituent bodies the importance of meeting promptly and fully this small per capita obligation. In many secular organizations there is a minimum payment of one dollar per member which goes toward the expenses for carrying on the national work. Do we, as Friends, wish our interest and loyalty to our united work measured by the five or ten cents per member which we are assessed—and which we do not uniformly pay?

We would encourage our Yearly Meetings to face more seriously their responsibility to the united work and would suggest that the delegations to the Five Years Meeting, which have been instructed to maintain their organization throughout the ensuing period, urge upon their respective Yearly Meetings the great importance of meeting these obligations.

For the Committee,

ALONZO M. GARDNER, *Chairman.*

64. Walter C. Woodward, one of our representatives on the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, read the following report made on behalf of our representatives who are Walter C. Woodward, Edgar H. Stranahan, Charles M. Woodman, and O. Herschel Folger.

REPORT ON THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

Having been appointed by the Executive Committee as representative of the Five Years Meeting in interdenominational relationships, I offer a brief statement of connection. As stated in the report of the Executive Committee, Friends have been represented at the three general meetings of the Federal Council of Churches held since 1927. It is only through the Five Years Meeting, which has the status of a national organization, that we are eligible to membership in this great cooperative body of American Protestantism which is proving its fine Christian leadership in so many effective ways.

We cannot give here an adequate appraisal of the Council, much less a report of its various activities in expressing the mind and conscience of the Protestant Churches of this country in different areas. In a few words, however, we do wish to impress upon Friends the great importance of the Council in such a time as this. It "helps a divided Protestantism to speak with united voice on many vital issues." Year by year its work has proved increasingly its Christian leadership in the confusion and turmoil about us. It has never been more needed than right now. Yet right now its effectiveness if not its very existence is threatened by failing support. On the one hand, the constituent members of the Council, such as the Five Years Meeting, facing their own financial difficulties, have cut their appropriations for the work of the Council. On the other hand, it has lost heavily in the disappearance of a considerable group of individual donors who in more prosperous times generally contributed to its program. Furthermore, by its forthright Christian position on given issues, it has aroused some opposition on the part of certain interests that has probably affected its income.

Just recently, in speaking of the present situation which the Federal Council faces, Dean Kershner of Butler University said: "The hope of the world lies in such a union of Christian forces as will permit freedom of thought and the right to worship in accordance with one's conscience. This is the true genius of Protestantism and since the time of the Reformation, it has never been in greater peril than it is today. The Federal Council of Churches has been of priceless value in developing a sense of unity in the Protestant forces of this country. It would be a tragedy if this cooperative enterprise should be crippled or hampered in carrying on its work through lack of financial support. American Protestants cannot afford through neglect or indifference, to sabotage the Federal Council."

After nearly twenty years of close relationship to the work of the Federal Council, we unite heartily in the sentiment expressed by Dean Kershner. It is our hope that the Five Years Meeting may soon be able to assume more nearly its share of responsibility in the wonderful service the Council is rendering. In the meantime, we would encourage Friends as individuals to contribute, even in small sums, to the work of this cooperative force for righteousness in our country.

WALTER C. WOODWARD.

65. The Trustees of the Five Years Meeting submit the following report which is acceptable to the meeting:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

To the Five Years Meeting, 1935:

The Trustees of the Five Years Meeting submit the following report:

At page 151 of Minutes of Five Years Meeting, 1927, is shown a Resolution of the meeting which contains the following:

4. (a) That all annuity, trust and endowment funds given for the use of any board or committee of the Five Years Meeting shall be under the management and control of the trustees of the Five Years Meeting, and said trustees shall name as Treasurer a responsible trust company, properly incorporated, which company shall advise with the trustees in the investment of all such funds;

(b) That the working out of the details of the above suggested plan be left to the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the Five Years Meeting with power to act.

On October 18, 1929, The American Friends Board of Missions delivered to your Trustees, securities and cash amounting to $56,-452.75 due Endowment and Annuitant Account, as shown by schedule hereto attached. On further examination of account it was found that there was an additional sum of $4531.47, these funds from American Friends Board of Missions, and same was paid to Trustees, making a total of $60,984.22.

The Trustees have looked after the collection and investment of said funds, and paid the income to the American Friends Board of Missions for the use and benefit of funds to which same belonged. The books and accounts of the Trustees in matter of investment account are audited each year by the Accountant, who audits the other accounts of the American Friends Board of Missions, and the report of the Auditor for the year ending March 31, 1935, shows total Permanent Investment Account March 31, 1935, as being $65,350.90. Some additions have been made to the principal of Investment Funds and some of the principal paid out under terms of the Trust under which same was donated the Board. All being fully shown in Reports of Auditor each year.

The Mission Board, after making a thorough investigation of the method of writing annuities heretofore written, decided that the better way would be to have annuities written by Old Line Insurance Companies, the Board as beneficiary, as to the residue.

The investments taken over by the Trustees from the American Friends Board, as recited above, have proved to be of such a character, that loss will be small. The loss at this time being $750 of principal. With the improved value of real estate it appears that some other securities taken over from the Board, on which some loss might be sustained, now appear to be good. Since the Trustees have had charge of the Funds, the investments have been made on present day values and no loss probable. One or two investments that have come to the Trustees under will of the donor are not first class, but seems to be getting better.

The Central Office Building is occupied by The American Friends Board of Missions, and the Publishing Board, and different committees, from time to time. The mortgage for $3500.00 on the building is still unpaid, but all interest has been paid. The necessary repairs to building have been made within the last two years.

GEORGE H. EVANS, *Chairman.*

66. G. Bruce Cameron, as a representative of the American Bible Society, of which our late Friend, James Wood of New York, was President for many years, spoke briefly in submitting the following resolution which was referred to the Business Committee. (See Minute 82-3.)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The work of the American Bible Society is of recognized value to the Christian Church, be it resolved:

First: That we heartily endorse the American Bible Society in its purpose of making the Bible more widely and more easily available.

Second: That we heartily endorse the celebration this year of four hundred years of the printed English Bible, recommending:

a. That our people seek to give fresh attention to the reading and study of the Scriptures.

b. That our people be encouraged to hold suitable anniversary observances in the autumn in every church and Sunday school, endeavoring, in concert with other churches in the community or separately, to insure the possession of a Bible by every home.

67. The evening session was one devoted to worship. A Gospel message was given by Tom A. Sykes, North Carolina.

SEVENTH DAY, THE TWENTY-SIXTH

9:30 a. m.

68. The Meeting assembled at 9:30. The minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions were read.

69. Lenworth H. Jacobs, with credentials from Jamaica Friends, was introduced and welcomed as a Fraternal Delegate; and Ralph S. Coppock, Presiding Clerk of Ohio Yearly Meeting, was welcomed by the Meeting.

70. The following communication from the Executive Committee of the American Friends Board of Missions was read and referred to the Business Committee: (See Minute 82-5.)

To the Five Years Meeting:

While the flare of war in Abyssinia seems remote from this quiet gathering of the Five Years Meeting, we are reminded, nevertheless, that we are brought face to face with its implications in at least three ways: our opposition to all wars leads us to deplore an appeal to arms; the implications of a racial conflict give us deep concern; and the proximity of the invaded territory to our mission field in Kenya Colony presses upon us a sense of our concern, and in an increasing way, especially if other nations should be drawn into the turmoil.

Our heads are bowed in shame because of our treatment of the Negro Race in America. As Friends we cannot absolve ourselves from a responsibility for our share in this. In our deep humiliation we cannot let pass the occasion of the tragic developments in Africa without seeking the counsel and guidance of the Five Years Meeting.

We submit the following for your consideration: Is the Five Years Meeting ready to send, directly or through the Mission Board, a statement to our representatives in Africa of our conviction that the white race should have no inherent or acquired rights superior to or prejudicial of the rights of the colored races, and that we encourage our workers to be guided by this adventurous assumption, even where it is in conflict with the colonial government where they are laboring?

Shall we send a letter to the Friends in Africa expressing our appreciation of their Christlike attitude in exercising their rights, and in assuming their responsibilities, and express the hope that should the war in Africa spread they may be enabled by non-violent methods to continue to exercise these rights and responsibilities?

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

SYLVESTER JONES,
RICHARD NEWBY,
MERLE L. DAVIS.

71. For Commission II on Human Relations, Homer L. Morris, General Chairman, introduced Edna W. Morris, Chairman of the section on Race Attitudes and Relations, who read a summary of the work of the section, which recommended that a study outline on race relations, which the section had helped prepare, be published. Other speakers were Clarence Cunningham, Western, and L. Hollingsworth Wood, New York.

72. By request of Homer L. Morris, the following concern, which was developed among a number of young Friends, was read by Richard Rhoads. The matter was referred to the Business Committee. (See Minutes 82-4, and 96.)

To the Five Years Meeting:

Some younger Friends in attendance at the Five Years Meeting, realizing that a living example must be made to uphold the quality of Christian life among us all, wish to state their opposition to evidences of race discrimination which have appeared in our midst.*

This group is requesting the advice and commission of the Five Years Meeting to proceed in a friendly manner in the specific case of discrimination which has occurred during our sessions.

It is our hope that the practice of discrimination against delegates to the Five Years Meeting will recall to the minds of Friends the fact that in some Friends schools and other Friends institutions.

*The reference is to an incident in the city of Richmond during the week, in which a restaurant manager declined to serve a Negro attender of the Five Years Meeting who entered the restaurant with a white attender.--Recording Clerk.

there is not a uniform practice toward those of other races. If members of the Society of Friends ask others to practice Christian Cooperation, we ourselves must be willing to practice it.

The young Friends have a concern that the Five Years Meeting make a record of protest against racial intolerance within and without, that it take action to end the falterings among us, and that those who have gathered to find the Mind of Christ may make a plain statement of public protest against race discrimination in this community. May the delegates to the Five Years Meeting initiate a permanent committee on Race Relations, and exert their strength to obtain equal political, economic and social practices for those of any race, creed or color.

Prepared for the group by

ALFRED COPE,
WILLIAM SIMKIN,
DAVID W. DAY.

73. The section on International Relations and Peace, Commission II, by E. Raymond Wilson, Chairman, reported and called for concerted action of Friends in opposition to all violent measures in settlement of differences. Ray Newton, Peace Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, presented a view of world conditions which favor war and urged a nation-wide teaching program sacrificially undertaken.

74. The Business Committee reported as follows. The communications were separately considered and approved.

1. We recommend that we appoint two representatives to the World Conference on Faith and Order to be held at Edinburgh in 1937. We regret that we find no funds available to pay expenses of the representatives. We nominate Elbert Russell and Alvin T. Coate; and for alternates, Margaret T. Carey and Walter C. Woodward. (See Minute 39.)

2. In response to the communication from Western Yearly Meeting concerning classification of members:

We recommend that the problem raised be referred to the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting.

We further recommend that the whole matter of potential membership be thoroughly explored and a policy worked out that will

tend to bring our children into conscious devotion to Christ and the Church and will offer fellowship in the Society of Friends in some form of affiliate membership to those who do not desire full membership. (See Minute 30.)

3. The communication from California Yearly Meeting is received with appreciation. We value the frankness and candor of this message, expressing in such tender concern their desires for the purity of our common service in promoting the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. We treasure our faith in all our constituent groups and agencies to expand their service in Christ's Kingdom as their sense of the leading of His Spirit may direct.

Our gathering has, in a most marked way, been a time of deep personal searching to find and to know the mind of Christ for today. In our efforts to discover and to evaluate the conditions surrounding us, we have been led to examine those foundations upon which our Society is based. The lives, the urges, the pressures, the faith, and the outlook of early and later Friends have been presented to our minds and hearts. In them we have been led to find, not merely ancient historical statements of the experiences of those now gone, but we have found in them a challenge for our own day and our own tasks. The leadership of the Holy Spirit is seen in the activities of those Friends of the past, and His present moving in our midst is acknowledged. We recognize that the Spirit must interpret to us the mind of Christ.

"While we freely accept and teach in our families, churches, and colleges the evident authority of the Holy Scriptures, we should always recognize the Supreme Authority of the Holy Spirit, who gave forth the Holy Scripture, and who at all times would possess, instruct, and motivate our spirits and our lives."

So exacting is that task of measuring up to Friends' present opportunities that we dare not attempt to do so except as we find that same abiding unity of the spirit that fused the seventeenth century members of the group into a living Society. Impersonal ideals, efficient organization, or enduring tradition, glorious as they are, receive their validity only through loyalty, obedience and love to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the Head of the Church; under His moving we must move; under His leadership we must lead; without Him we can do nothing.

We earnestly pray that each separate unit of our Five Years Meeting may be stirred as we have been during our sessions. We

confidently believe that such a stirring will enable each unit carefully to consider its task and personnel and to embody in its program and in the selection of its leadership those elements and persons fitted faithfully to interpret the mind of Christ for our day.

We see a vision of all of our meetings, committees, boards, colleges, and individual leaders rising to a new level of consecration to Him whose we are and whom we serve. (See Minute 30.)

75. The Committee on Organization made nominations for Boards and Committees as follows; which nominees are approved and appointed to the services indicated.

BOARD ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—MEMBERS AT LARGE

Edgar H. Stranahan, Marion, Indiana.
Wendell G. Farr, Wilmington, Ohio.
Furnas Trueblood, Plainfield, Indiana.
Lindley J. Cook, Portland, Maine.
Mabel S. Roberts, Whittier, California.

BOARD ON PROHIBITION AND PUBLIC MORALS

Raymond E. Mendenhall, Westerville, Ohio.
J. Hoge Ricks, Richmond, Virginia.
Clifford S. Frazier, Greensboro, North Carolina.
Dora B. Clark, Washington, D. C.
John Compton, Carmel, Indiana.

PRINTING COMMITTEE

It is recommended that the Printing Committee be composed of the Recording Clerk and the Central Office Staff.

76. G. Raymond Booth, Canada, Chairman of the section on Liquor and Narcotics, of Commission II, defined the nature of public responsibility for the liquor business and related evils.

77. J. Hoge Ricks, Baltimore, Chairman of the section on Crime and Punishment of Commission II, demanded our active interest in men to help save them from careers of wrong. He introduced William Prideaux, of New England,

who gave some personal experiences as an inmate of a British prison for three years, as a conscientious objector; and as a student of the prison system in our country. He made a plea for reformative methods to displace punitive methods. Phyllis Cosand, in behalf of young Friends, advocated our interest and efforts to lessen juvenile delinquency.

78. The Meeting engaged in a profitable open discussion of the topics last presented.

79. The Business Committee is asked to report a definite plan for the filing of expenses of delegates. (See Minute 82-2).

SEVENTH DAY, THE TWENTY-SIXTH

7:30 p. m.

80. The Meeting convened at 7:30, in the session announced as Young Friends Evening. The report of the Board of Young Friends Activities was presented and accepted as given below. The Chairman, David W. Day, announced that the Board had decided not to present the Peace play, "The Terrible Meek," as announced in the program, feeling that discussion of certain vital issues raised in the Meeting were more important. David E. Henley presented various aspects of change in our economic life and organization, and our proper relation thereto. A lively discussion followed in which our younger Friends participated freely and helpfully.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF YOUNG FRIENDS ACTIVITIES

To the Five Years Meeting of 1935:

According to action taken by the Five Years Meeting in 1927 (Minute 124), the Young Friends Board is composed of the heads of the Board of the Young Friends work or Christian Endeavor Union in each Yearly Meeting, and seven members at large to be

appointed by the Executive Committee of the Young Friends Board as follows: one to be appointed for one year, two for two years, one for three years, two for four years, and one for five years, and upon expiration of the terms of service, successors shall be appointed for terms of five years by the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting upon the nomination of the Young Friends Board. In the event of resignation or removal, successors shall be appointed to fill unexpired terms by the above method of appointment. This method has been followed. Those serving on the Executive Committee according to this arrangement from 1927 until 1935 are as follows: George Selleck, Guy W. Solt, Sumner A. Mills, Isabel Hartsuck, Anna Wilson Wilbur, Ethel Betty Linton, Byron A. Haworth, Vern Conover, David W. Day, Clyde A. Milner, Orville Dennis, Caroline Cox, Edwin Sanders, Clarence Cunningham, Frank Dorey, Mildred Kearns, Mary Reynolds. The Executive Committee of 1934 is as follows: David W. Day, chairman; Edwin Sanders, treasurer; Frank Dorey, Canada; Mildred Kearns, Western; Caroline Cox, Indiana; Mary Reynolds, North Carolina; Clarence Cunningham, Western.

Inasmuch as the work of the B. Y. F. A. has been carried on by three different Secretaries between the years of 1927 and 1935, it seems better to describe the work under special headings and interests rather than by time periods.

Elizabeth Marsh, who was the Executive Secretary at the time of the Five Years Meeting in 1927, continued her services to the Board. She was granted a leave of absence from September, 1928, to December of the same year to study at Woodbrooke. She was also granted part-time leave from February 1 to June 1, 1930, to do Home Service Work with the American Friends Service Committee, continuing Young Friends work at the same time.

In September, 1930, David and Olive Day took up the work as joint Secretaries in part-time relationship, during which time they studied at Pendle Hill. This arrangement continued through June 1, 1931, after which they removed to Richmond where they maintained the office until the autumn of 1933 when they left Richmond to work under the Subsistence Homestead Division in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

There was no Executive Secretary in the office from then until after the meeting of the Board in December, 1934. Edna Coffin took care of such correspondence as was continued, and arranged for the 1933 Board meeting.

Emily Parker, just returned from Woodbrooke, was asked to spend November and December, 1934, in the office, arranging for the 1934 Board meeting and considering possibilities for the continued need for and work of the Board of Young Friends Activities. At the 1934 Board meeting, she was asked to serve as Executive Secretary of the Board. Some of the special interests and emphases of Young Friends since the last session of the Five Years Meeting might be listed as follows:

Conferences: The General Conference has always been considered one of the major features of the work of the B. Y. F. A. In 1928, 1929, 1930 were held the 19th, 20th, and 21st Annual Young Friends Conferences at Earlham, the high peak being reached in 1929 with a significant change in method in Conference noted. The helpful influence of Friends from abroad was felt in this conference. We should like to pay special tribute in this report to the memory of two Friends, now deceased, who contributed so much to the thought of the Conference; Roy Calvert and John William Graham, both of London Yearly Meeting.

No General Conference was held in 1931, but Yearly Meeting conferences and camps were encouraged, and David and Olive Day travelled many thousand miles in visiting among Friends in various Yearly Meetings. They also attended the Eastern Young Friends Conference held at Westtown.

In 1932, the General Conference was held at Nebraska Central College. There again American Young Friends profited by the presence of three visiting English Young Friends, Marion Doncaster, Myrtle Wright, and Frank Ward.

In 1934, the American Young Friends Fellowship Conference was held at Lake Forest with Young Friends from many different Yearly Meetings in attendance.

The year 1935 saw no General Young Friends Conference but every Yearly Meeting had some special conference for Young Friends varying from a camp owned and directed by Young Friends to Young Friends' sessions at Yearly Meetings. Perhaps the most representative gathering was found in the Canadian Young Friends Camp attended by a large number of American Young Friends from various Yearly Meetings.

Visitation: In regard to visitation of Yearly Meetings and local Young Friends groups, all three of the Secretaries concur in the opinion that it is one of the most valuable and essential pieces of

work that might be done by any Executive Secretary. Only by visiting groups personally is it possible to know how the B. Y. F. A. can be of most help. Ideas and suggestions are good and material is helpful only in so far as they are suitable to the groups who must use them. Furthermore, one individual representing the Board and moving among the many different groups may help to weave a thread of unity throughout, which will be invaluable in encouraging a sense of fellowship.

Literature: There have been many ways of keeping in touch with Young Friends other than by correspondence. *Friendly News,* a little paper edited by Elizabeth Marsh, was continued throughout the period of her relationship with the Board. David Day issued a less expensive but very informing *News Bulletin,* a mimeographed collection of news and items of interest. The Young Friends issue of *The American Friend,* which appeared once a quarter, was started in 1931. This continued until 1933. In 1935 a Young Friends Page, to appear regularly in *The American Friend,* was started. This was to serve the purpose of informing more Young Friends of the various activities of the Board and for further purpose of offering guides and suggestions for Young Friends groups. In this connection it might be said that it was felt that Young Friends might profit more by a regular reading of *The American Friend* with the additional items of interest to Young Friends through the Young Friends page, than by confining their interest to four Young Friends issues. To this end subscriptions to the church paper have been encouraged by the B. Y. F. A. The cooperation of *The American Friend* in furnishing copies for distribution among Young Friends has been most helpful and greatly appreciated.

One other publication should be mentioned, *The Quest,* an International Young Friends paper. During the time of Elizabeth Marsh, the B. Y. F. A. furnished part of the editorial staff and cared for the business arrangements in this country.

Cooperation in Friendly Service: One of the most important emphases of the Young Friends Board lies in the effort made to harmonize its interests, concerns, and activities with those of the Society of Friends as a whole. Young Friends are anxious not to be considered as a separate department, alone and aloof, but as an integral part of the Society with their Board serving as a channel through which cooperation becomes natural and easy.

In the interest of Peace and International Relations, Young Friends have always had an active part. Elizabeth Marsh, as Secretary, cooperated in the formation of a National Young Friends Committee on Military Training and served as the Executive for the committee for the first year. This question has received the interest and attention of all three of the Secretaries. Many Young Friends through this period of years have gone as Peace Caravaners. In 1935, the Executive Secretary cooperated in securing the attendance of representative Young Friends at the various Institutes of International Relations.

The Home Service Section of the American Friends Service Committee has offered the opportunity for many Young Friends to share the Friendly spirit in many places where it is sorely needed.

Besides the cooperation with the Home Service Section in which many Young Friends share, the B. Y. F. A. has devised a plan of cooperation with the Service Committee in which a representative Young Friend (to be chosen after the Yearly Meeting Young Friends Boards have submitted their candidates) is to have a year's experience of work and study under the supervision of the Service Committee. This Young Friend will be used at the direction of the Board to share with Young Friends groups the firsthand knowledge of the work of the Service Committee in its various fields of activity.

The Secretary of the Young Friends Board is always a co-opted member of the Board of Directors of the American Friends Service Committee. This assures a real cooperating unity between the two organizations.

During the winter of 1930, the Bryan and Edith Michener project was sponsored. Its purpose was to supplement the Mission Board Budget in order to assure the sending of the Micheners to Africa. Young Friends responded to the sum of about $500.

In 1935, representatives of the Young Friends Board were invited to attend the sessions of the Missions Board. This afforded opportunity for Young Friends to understand better the problems and opportunities of that Board. Several Young Friends are at present serving in far distant places under the direction of the Mission Board.

The Executive Secretary was invited, in 1935, to attend the Executive Committee Meeting of the Indian Committee at which time plans for a cooperative program between the Young Friends Board and the Indian Committee were launched.

Young Friends interpret the spirit of Missions and World Service to be not a pitting of one field against another nor of the value of evangelism against the rehabilitation of the dispossessed, but rather a keen sensitivity to need, wherever it may be, and of whatever nature, the desire to match that need with a constructive Christian contribution according to their ability, fired by the conviction that the abundant life is the right of all. This belief will drive some to Africa, others to the coal fields, some to Palestine, and others to Indian villages. And those whose ability lies not in sharing physically will discover ways of sharing mentally and spiritually. In this spirit Young Friends desire to share in the total program of the Society of Friends.

The Larger Fellowship: Young Friends have always felt the desire to reach beyond the limits of their own Yearly Meetings into a wider fellowship of Friends. The General Conferences have always profitably included Young Friends from many different Yearly Meetings.

The Board Meetings in 1932 and 1933 were the scenes of a gathering of a large number of Friends other than those of the Five Years Meeting, and a desire was expressed to encourage fellowship and cooperation among Young Friends. The American Young Friends Fellowship Conference at Lake Forest was the outgrowth of the 1933 Board meeting. Several of the Board members are serving on the Central Committee of the American Young Friends Fellowship, thus assuring a continued cooperation.

The Board also cooperated in arrangements for and participation in the All-American Friends Conference in 1929.

But the fellowship has extended farther than this country. In 1928 the Board cooperated in sending a Young Friends delegation to Europe. The Five Years Meeting group sponsored the sending of five members of the group: one Canadian (Edith Valentine), E. Betty Linton (Wilmington), Clarence Cunningham (Western), and Elizabeth Marsh (Nebraska); one Conservative Friend of North Carolina, Ruth Outland. The group spent a month and a half travelling with English and German Friends in England and Germany and attended German Yearly Meeting and a German summer school. They then attended the World Young Friends Conference in Belgium, and the World Youth Peace Congress in Holland.

In 1932, the Board cooperated in arranging for the visit among Friends of the three English Young Friends: Marion Doncaster,

Myrtle Wright, and Frank Ward. In 1934, it cooperated in sending a group of American Young Friends to visit among English Friends and Friends on the Continent. The group included: Anne Coppock, Beatrice Shipley, Margaret Tyson, Ann Silver, Merritt Webster, Elmore Jackson, and Ardith Emmons. They attended London Yearly Meeting, visited among English Friends, attended the German Yearly Meeting, visited in France and Holland, concluding with an International Young Friends Conference at Copenhagen.

Young Friends everywhere are sensing the value of the encouragement which comes from feeling that we are a part of a World Fellowship of Friends.

Then beyond the confines even of Quakerism, Young Friends reach to cooperate with Youth of all denominations. The Executive Secretary has always served on the Young People's Professional Advisory section of the International Council of Religious Education, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

In the summer of 1935, the Executive Secretary served on the staff of the Geneva Girls' Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin—the camp sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education.

Every effort is being made to cooperate with the new United Youth program—Christian Youth Building a New World. Young Friends join with them as they say, "We are determined to be led by our faith and not our fears, to use the experience of the past where it will help, and to become pioneers where experience fails."

Increasing experience in our work makes us certain that the genius of Quakerism lies not in any organization but in individual conviction and action which spring as the inevitable result. However, if our Board may help in discovering Young Friends' interests, in helping to make certain issues and concerns more vivid, in opening opportunities for action once there is conviction, and above all in creating a sense of Fellowship, which brings courage and joy for those determined to face the practical implication of such conviction, it will have carried out the purpose it understands to be its share in the life and thought of the Society of Friends.

DAVID W. DAY, *Chairman.*
S. EMILY PARKER, *Executive Secretary.*

80-a. (This minute of information is inserted by the Recording Clerk.) Seventh Day afternoon was devoted to

meetings of various Boards for organization, and to recreational hours, in charge of young Friends, on the campus of Earlham College. Earlham College was host at a tea in Carpenter Hall, and in the evening a Young Friends Dinner was held in the West Richmond Meetinghouse with Rufus M. Jones, Presiding Clerk, as speaker. On First Day morning, a meeting for worship was held in the First Friends Church, the principal message being given by Rufus M. Jones. For the afternoon, the Program Committee provided for a mass meeting in the interests of the Christian Church and International Peace, which meeting was addressed by Walter W. Van Kirk, Secretary, Department of International Justice and Goodwill, of the Federal Council of Churches, on the subject, "The Churches and the World Crisis." The evening hour was given to an Interracial Meeting with L. Hollingsworth Wood, New York, presiding. A choral concert was rendered by a Richmond Negro Chorus directed by George L. Johnson of New York City, music specialist for the National Recreation Association.

SECOND DAY, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH

9:30 a. m.

81. The Meeting was convened by J. Hoge Ricks, Assistant Presiding Clerk, at 9:30. The minutes of Seventh Day morning and evening were read.

82. The Business Committee reported as follows. The reports and recommendations were approved.

1. We propose that a letter of love and sympathy be sent to Alice L. Pearson, Pasadena, California, in view of the recent death of her husband, William L. Pearson, well known to Friends.

2. We suggest in view of the well-known difficulties in financing the activities of our body that the pool compensate Friends for their actual outlay one way in attendance at the sessions of our meetings as follows. (See Minute 79.)

a. For those who came by rail, the actual fare paid plus necessary Pullman cost, and not to exceed one dollar fifty cents per day for meals.

b. For those who came by bus, the actual fare paid plus lodging one dollar per night, and not to exceed one dollar fifty cents per day for meals.

c. For those who came by automobile, for motor carrying one delegate, three cents per mile; for motor carrying two delegates, four cents per mile; for motor carrying three or more delegates, five cents per mile; plus lodging, one dollar per person per night, and not to exceed one dollar fifty cents per day per person for meals.

3. We heartily endorse the celebration this year of the 400 years of the printed English Bible, and recommend,

a. That Friends seek to give fresh attention to the reading and study of the Scriptures.

b. That Friends be encouraged to hold suitable observances this autumn in every church, meeting, Sunday School or other organization in our meetings, endeavoring, in concert with other churches in the community, or separately, to insure the possession of a Bible by every home. (See Minute 66.)

4. We deprecate all forms of race prejudice and would remind Friends of the words of John Woolman to seek in the hems of our own garments for the seeds of selfishness from which grow not only wars but those weeds which stifle the flow of friendliness in all the channels of our lives. We would beseech our members to take questions of race prejudice which they feel, for advice and solution to the Divine light of the Spirit of God, confident that the honest devotion of our minds to such a guidance will bring to our life the fervor of a Whittier or a Woolman in our own day.

We suggest that we cooperate with the American Friends Service Committee in our interracial activities, and request it to set up a commission or council for such service with provision for representation thereon to be appointed by our Executive Committee.

We recommend the conference method in the search for truth in these interracial problems of our social order. (See Minute 72.)

5. We recommend that our Mission Board write to all our missionaries encouraging them in upholding their interpretation of the mind of Christ as interpreted by Friends in the complicated problems which they are called upon to face, of which the Ethiopian situation is an illustration. (See Minute 70.)

83. The Meeting received the following message wired to it. The matter was referred to the Business Committee.

The Asheboro, North Carolina, Christian Endeavor Society of Friends is concerned about whiskey being distilled and bottled under the "Old Quaker" label with the "Old Quaker" picture by the "Old Quaker" Company of Distillers at Lawrenceburg, Indiana. We feel that we as Friends should take some action, so we trust that you will carefully consider our concern and see if something can be done about it.

84. Ruthanna M. Simms, Executive Secretary of the Committee on Indian Affairs, presented the following which was referred to the Executive Committee, since the subject treated was acted upon by the Meeting, as recorded in Minute 82-4.

I suggest that the Board of Missions, Board on Young Friends Activities, the Commission on Friendly Training, and the new Committee on Race Relations (if such is appointed) be asked or instructed to cooperate in bringing to the attention of all local meeting groups the outline study on race relations presented at these sessions, "A Quest in Interracial Understanding" (see Minute 71), and to cooperate in urging that this outline be made the basis of a series of group discussions and group action. It appears that all four of the above agencies should be encouraged to undertake the task. It needs them all.

85. A letter to this Meeting from Robert L. and Margaret T. Simkin, and Jane Balderston Dye, of Chengtu, West China, conveyed love and greetings. The Secretary of the Executive Committee was requested to reply to this message with expression of our love and interest.

86. The Committee on Organization nominated the following persons for appointment to the Education Board as members at large. The Meeting confirmed the nominations by appointment.

Allen U. Tomlinson.....Whittier, California
Roscoe C. Coffin.....Minneapolis, Minnesota
Lyra Trueblood Wolkins.Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

Clyde A. Milner.....Guilford College, North Carolina
Alvin T. Coate.....Indianapolis, Indiana

87. A proposition by the Clerk to ask the Business Committee to consider extending invitation to Yearly Meetings not now affiliated with the Five Years Meeting to join this body was approved. (See Minute 98).

88. For Commission III on Christian Education, Homer J. Coppock, Western, Chairman, outlined the objectives formed by the two sections of the Commission. He introduced J. Herschel Coffin, California, Chairman of the section on Our Schools and Colleges, who reasoned for an adjustment of our educational methods and subject matter in keeping with present conditions and trends of thought. Robert L. Kelly, of New York City, Executive Secretary of the Association of American Colleges, gave an encouraging message on the notable achievements of Friends in educational work. Ernest A. Wildman, of Earlham College, spoke briefly, and Dr. Ramon Morrell, of Cuba, in Spanish, interpreted by Merle L. Davis, told of Friends' ideals in love and peace being practiced in Cuba as a result of our mission work there. A limited general discussion followed.

89. The section on The Church and Its Departments, of Commission III on Christian Education, was reported for by Charles M. Woodman, Indiana, Chairman, who told of the need for more efficient teaching in our meetings and Bible schools, and for more adequate training in Friends' principles. Wendell G. Farr, of Wilmington College, emphasized our task of placing within reach of youth the elements of instruction which enter into the development of Christian character. Edgar H. Stranahan, Chairman of the Board on Religious Education, reasoned for the use of educational processes in training for Christian service and leadership. S. Emily Parker, of the Young Friends Board,

asked for religious training which fits youth for the practical implications of Christian profession. Lyra Trueblood Wolkins, New England, closed the section's presentation by urging unity of teaching in the church, home and school, that work and worship may be rightly related.

SECOND DAY, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH

1:30 p. m.

90. The Meeting convened at 1:30. The minutes of the morning session were read.

91. The Meeting engaged in a general discussion of subjects touched by the various presentations of Commission III on Christian Education.

92. The following communication prepared by the Boards of Young Friends Activities and on Religious Education was read and referred to the Executive Committee:

To the Five Years Meeting:

The Young Friends Board and the Board on Religious Education unite in calling the attention of the Five Years Meeting to the need for a more adequate program of education in Christian and Friendly ideas, ideals and attitudes. We hold that children, youth and adults need to be instructed and led creatively into a larger knowledge of the total significance of Christianity and the total program of our Society. This, we feel, is immediately imperative. Our two Boards, we feel, are primarily involved in this enlarged educational movement. We therefore unite in requesting that the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting be instructed to give most earnest thought to this subject. We also request that the Executive Committee be urged carefully to consider ways and means, both financial and organizational, looking toward the early launching of a more complete program.

On behalf of the two Boards,

DAVID W. DAY,
EDGAR H. STRANAHAN.

93. Anna Griscom Elkinton, Moylan, Pennsylvania, Chairman of the widely constituted committee which is planning for a World Conference of All Friends to be held in 1937, presented the purposes of such a conference and the five significant subjects to be studied by commissions and reported on to the gathering.

94. The Meeting records its appreciation of the most faithful and efficient services of Isaac T. Johnson, who has served as Secretary of the Publication Board for many years.

95. The Committee on Organization reported as follows and its proposals are confirmed by the Meeting.

FINANCE BOARD

(See Minute 82 of 1927 for manner of selecting this Board.)

J. Rufus Hinshaw.....New Castle, Indiana
Louis B. Campbell.....Richmond, Indiana
Alonzo M. Gardner.....Richmond, Indiana
Isaac E. Woodard.....Indianapolis, Indiana
Clayton V. Stanley.....Des Moines, Iowa
John I. Lane.....Poughkeepsie, New York
Joseph D. Cox.....High Point, North Carolina

96. On the recommendation of the Business Committee, the following statements were adopted by the Meeting:

PEACE AND A CHRISTIAN SOCIETY

In a world society based on force and plagued with fear, and with turmoil and tension all about us, we of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America give fresh expression to our fundamental principle that the only solution of the world's ills is to be found in Christ's Gospel of love and good will. For nations and for individuals, this may be the way of the Cross, but it is the only way that leads to the building of a Christian society—the kingdom of God upon earth. We cannot build a Christian order of good will and justice on one hand, while piling up the armaments of destruction on the other. We cannot create an enlightened, Christian democracy in a State which assumes the place of God as the arbiter of conscience. We believe our young men are looking squarely at

the truth when they say that the brutal ideals and forms of military training are incompatible with the mind of Christ who said: "All they that take the sword shall perish by the sword." We therefore redeclare our uncompromising allegiance to Jesus' way of life, among nations and races as among individuals, and pledge ourselves anew to demonstrate this way to others by daily life and testimony and to point the world to the better way by all means at our command.

A More Christian Social Order

During the sessions of this Five Years Meeting we have come under the weight of conviction that religion should be vitally concerned with problems of the social order. We have been oppressed by the realization that while materially our civilization has learned how to produce abundantly, we have not learned how to distribute the products of our labor in the interests of the greatest common good, but we are becoming convinced that we must have new motives and new bases of association in economic processes if we are to distribute justly, and in a way to avoid disaster. The problems of our present day are fruits of a civilization in which getting is fundamental rather than giving, and in which fear and suspicion outrank faith and love.

We believe that it is in the power of human beings to solve the problems of the social order if they bring a right will to the task.

We have felt the certainty that God has a will for a right solution of our problems, and that His power can change the situation if He can command the hearts and minds of a sufficient number of His children in devotion to the social task. We must surpass the earnestness and sacrifice of those who believe in violence if a Christian solution is to be found.

We should first of all endeavor to keep our own lives free from unjust relationships, and live by motives that belong to the kingdom of love.

We are clear that we all should be in a position of search for ways in which we may bring about an order in which our vastly increased capacity to produce is held and administered in relation to human need.

Sensitive to all the light we have, we must dedicate ourselves to whatever part of the task of securing a Christian economic order is most pressing to us. Our innermost feelings, checked and confirmed,

inspired and purified by the mind of the Christian group must guide us in our choice and in our activity. We shall not all see the same path, we may differ as to the immediate steps which should be taken, but as Christian groups and individuals follow their convictions and dedicate themselves to constructive and creative action, there will develop a more Christian social order.

On Racial Discrimination

It is our tender belief that as followers of Christ we should express our faith in the power of God to help us as citizens overcome the state of mind which leads to racial discrimination. We must witness to this power working in our own body, for those of other races, members with us, have enriched our Meeting by contributions which only members of their race can make. We solicit your help, as we do the help of each community we represent, in a common Christian endeavor to think in terms of human personality rather than the color of skin or other racial characteristics.

On Movies, Gambling and Liquor

We express our gratification for the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church and of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America in their initiation of the Crusade for decency in the moving picture industry and commend to Friends the support of all such efforts.

We strongly disapprove of all forms of gambling and urge Friends to exert their influence particularly against any legalization of gambling or lottery.

Believing that the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage is harmful from every standpoint, we recommend that Friends maintain their long known personal standard of total abstinence.

This Meeting reaffirms its conviction that the only ultimate solution of the liquor problem is complete prohibition of its manufacture and sale for use as a beverage.

While we believe that the various Government control methods must eventually be superseded, due to their inherent weaknesses, we should at this time take the position of offering constructive criticism and of seeking to minimize the evils of the present systems. To this end, we recommend that Friends use their influence to secure the following:

1. The revision and improvement of the courses in scientific temperance instruction now being given in public and private schools, using modern methods and present-day facts.

2. The enactment of state, provincial, and national legislation prohibiting all forms of advertising of alcoholic beverages; and we request the Federal Council of Churches to use its influence to secure the elimination of all advertising in which the name of a religious organization or the name by which it is commonly known is used in connection with the sale of liquor or narcotics.

3. The close supervision and regulation of hours and conditions of sale of alcoholic beverages.

4. Adequate protection of the public against the dangers of the drinking automobile driver.

5. Legislation which shall abolish profit from the manufacture and sale of intoxicants.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

1. To the citizens of Richmond, for the greeting of their Mayor, for their generous hospitality, and for their sympathy with our endeavors to find the mind of Christ for our body today.

2. To the Townsend Community Center Chorus in whose company we transcended the question of race in a spiritual fellowship through music.

3. To the Richmond daily press for its editorial expression and for the service it has rendered during the sessions.

97. The Meeting records its appreciation of the capable and kind hospitality of the First Friends and the West Richmond Friends churches, their pastors and members, who have cooperated to make the Meeting's members comfortable and happy. The open doors to Earlham College admitted the Meeting to pleasant occasions of recreation and fellowship.

98. The Business Committee reported as follows, which report was approved:

1. The sessions of the Five Years Meeting have been so precious to us in the cheerful spirit of Friendly cooperation and inspiration of our Friendly spiritual fellowship, and the contribution of our Fraternal Delegates has been so appreciated that we desire to hold open to other Yearly Meetings the door of actual association with us.

2. We recommend that the Executive Committee be instructed to invite Oregon, Ohio and Philadelphia (Orthodox) Yearly Meetings to become members of the Five Years Meeting; and that the Committee invite other Yearly Meetings beyond the seas to send us Fraternal Delegates. (See Minute 87.)

99. William F. Nicholson, Secretary of London Yearly Meeting, expressed on behalf of Fraternal Delegates an appreciation of the fellowship and inspiration they have enjoyed in our sessions.

100. The minutes of this session were read.

SECOND DAY, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH

7:30 p. m.

101. The Meeting convened at 7:30. This session was set apart for an inspirational and consecration service. Alvin T. Coate, Western, led us to consider that the Gospel of Jesus, rightly interpreted and received, becomes salvation to the individual and remedial to society. Willard O. Trueblood, California, asked us, "What now?" and showed us that in the personal dedication of ourselves to the great work our Father has planned for His kingdom, we shall find the answer.

102. We have come now to the closing moments of these seven days of conference, illuminating discussion and inspiration. They have been days filled with business affairs, social privileges and spiritual concerns. Old friendships have been renewed and strengthened. New personal contacts have grown into friendships, and friendships have become Christian fellowship. The God of all grace has been gracious to us. The Holy Spirit has been faithful to interpret to us the mind of the Christ in whose spirit we desire to live and serve. To meet in 1940, if the Lord will, the Five Years Meeting of 1935 does now adjourn.

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New York: George A. Badgley, Wappingers Falls, N. Y.

Baltimore: Emmett Frazier, Richmond, Virginia.

North Carolina: Monroe Hendricks, High Point, North Carolina.

Wilmington: Howard Hackney, Wilmington, Ohio.

Indiana: Leslie D. Shaffer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Western: Orval H. Cox, Westfield, Indiana.

Iowa: Charles B. Thomas, Union, Iowa.

Nebraska: Delbert Mesner, Central City, Nebraska.

California: Paul Payne, Huntington Park, California.

Executive Committee: David W. Day, Indiana, Chairman; S. Emily Parker, Executive Secretary; Edwin Sanders, Wilmington, Treasurer; Mildred Kearns Hoadley, Western; Alexander Hay, Canada; Carolyn Cox, Indiana; Mary Reynolds, North Carolina; Clarence Cunningham, Western.

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REPRESENTING THE BOARDS

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Young Friends: Mildred Kearns Hoadley, S. Emily Parker.
Religious Education: Edgar H. Stranahan, Wendell G. Farr.
Education: David M. Edwards, Raymond Binford.
Promotion Director: Errol T. Elliott.

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(Appointed by the Executive Committee)

Lindley M. Binford, Portland, Maine.
Burritt M. Hiatt, Wilmington, Ohio.
Howard W. Cope, Muncie, Indiana.
Nellie H. Markle, Richmond, Indiana.
Richard R. Newby, Des Moines, Iowa.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1940
7:30 p. m.

1. At the opening session of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America, held in Richmond, Indiana, the sixteenth day of October, 1940, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. This is the eighth session to be held.

2. The Clerks appointed in 1935 were in their places: Rufus M. Jones, Presiding Clerk; Albert L. Copeland, Recording Clerk; Mary H. Terrell, Reading Clerk; and Leslie D. Shaffer, Announcing Clerk.

3. With fitting words, urging dedication to "a more excellent way of life," the Presiding Clerk opened the session, after which there was a brief time of quiet devotion.

4. The roll of delegates and alternates appointed by the eleven constituent Yearly Meetings was called. One hundred three delegates and thirty-eight alternates were present. Of those not responding several were expected to arrive later. The Clerk instructed the delegations to keep their number of delegates full by using alternates in the order appointed, unless otherwise arranged by the appointing Meetings. The roll as furnished by the eleven Yearly Meetings follows:*

*The delegations as listed include the names of all (so far as their names have been obtained) who at any time were present as delegates. At no time, of course, were more seated in a given delegation as delegates than the Yearly Meeting in question was entitled to.

CANADA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Burton S. W. Hill.....Newmarket, Ontario
Milton Keffer .....Newmarket, Ontario
John Roberts .....Wellington, Ontario
G. Raymond Booth.....107 Hillsdale Avenue, W., Toronto, 12
Gracia D. Booth .....107 Hillsdale Avenue, W., Toronto, 12
Fred Quirk .....6 Duplex Crescent, Toronto, 12
Lillian Hill .....Newmarket, Ontario

Alternates

John McSkimming .....Newmarket, Ontario
Martha Roberts .....Wellington, Ontario
Alex Hay .....Westtown, Pa.
Frank Dorey.....5757 University Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Lindley M. Binford .....33 Norwood St., Portland Me.
Rufus M. Jones .....Haverford, Pa.
James A. Coney .....North Berwick, Me.
Charles H. White .....49 Westminster St., Providence, R. I.
Gertrude W. Osborne .....North Weare, N. H.
Lyra T. Wolkins .....95 Lincoln St., Newton Highlands, Mass.
Alice A. Macomber .....Central Village, Mass.
Joseph T. Lippincott .....East Vassalboro, Me.

Alternates

Pauline B. Burdett .....Salem, N. H.
Lindley J. Cook .....16 Farnham St., Portland, Me.
Helen T. Gifford .....468 Hope St., Providence, R. I.
George A. Selleck .....5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge, Mass.

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

George H. Wood .....2021 W. Livingston, Allentown, Pa.
David F. Lane.....Box 550, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
George A. Badgley.....144 E. 20th St., New York City
Elizabeth L. Hazard.....Union Springs, N. Y.

Katherine E. Cook.....227A Monroe St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
W. Glenn Roberts.....158 Monroe St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
L. Hollingsworth Wood.....103 Park Ave., New York City
Henrietta C. Carey.....387 Lafayette, Brooklyn, N. Y.
L. Willard Reynolds.....Poplar Ridge, N. Y.

ALTERNATES

G. Albert Hull.....Gasport, N. Y.
A. Russell Heaton.....51 Market St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Jerome Hurd .....Clintondale, N. Y.
Ruth E. Craig.....Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Alson Van Wagner.....R. F. D. 2, Hyde Park, N. Y.
Frances S. Selleck.....66 Bay St., Glens Falls, N. Y.
William J. Reagan.....Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Richard Haydock.....57 Wellesley, Yonkers, N. Y.
Gertrude Kershner .....38 Clinton Road, Glen Ridge, N. J.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING

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Margaret T. Carey.....4311 Rugby Road, Baltimore, Md.
Jesse A. Stanfield.....3107 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.
Mary Moorman White.....Route 2, Franklin, Va.
Edward F. Raiford .....Holland, Va.
Elizabeth C. Thomas.....Round Hill, Va.
Lindley D. Clark .....Sandy Spring, Md.
Elizabeth L. H. Ligon.....Brinklow, Md.
Albert Simon .....York Road, Towson, Md.

ALTERNATES

Vernon L. Brown....1327 Irving St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Lois M. Rabey .....Holland, Va.
Merrill L. Hiatt.....517 Wilton Road, Towson, Md.

NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING

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Samuel L. Haworth.....Guilford College, N. C.

Alice Paige White.....307 Lindsay St., High Point, N. C.
York Teague .....Snow Camp, N. C.
Howard B. Yow .....Pikeville, N. C.
Myrtle Tomlinson .....Archdale, N. C.
Horace S. Haworth .....High Point, N. C.
John T. Lane .....Belvidere, N. C.
Martha M. McLennan .....E. Bragg St., Greensboro, N. C.
D. Virgil Pike .....Asheboro, N. C.
Seth B. Hinshaw .....Mount Airy, N. C.
Edith C. Hill .....Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. Waldo Woody.....Route 1, Greensboro, N. C.
J. Victor Murchison.....Route 2, Liberty, N. C.
Bonnie Dale Hinshaw.....Yadkinville, N. C.
G. Whitford Edgerton .....Yadkinville, N. C.
Bertha V. S. White.....Belvidere, N. C.
Algie I. Newlin.....Guilford College, N. C.
Irvin T. Cox.....Yadkinville, N. C.

ALTERNATES

Ruth P. Andrews.....Route 2, Goldsboro, N. C.
Joseph D. Cox .....High Point, N. C.
Hope Hubbard .....Farmer, N. C.
Lela W. Welch .....Mount Airy, N. C.
Alice Lindley .....Snow Camp, N. C.

WILMINGTON YEARLY MEETING

DELEGATES

S. Arthur Watson .....Wilmington, Ohio
Howard McKay .....Oregonia, Ohio
A. Ward Applegate .....Wilmington, Ohio
Loren S. Hadley .....Waynesville, Ohio
Ethel Wall .....Wilmington, Ohio
Willard Haines .....Waynesville, Ohio
Daisy K. Ransome .....Belltown, Tenn.
Marvin Jones .....Friendsville, Tenn.
Wendell G. Farr .....Wilmington, Ohio
Vincent Fairley .....Leesburg, Ohio
Raymond E. Mendenhall .....Westerville, Ohio
Cate McReynolds .....Friendsville, Tenn.

ALTERNATES

Ruth Hadley ..... Wilmington, Ohio
John Dymond ..... Xenia, Ohio
William H. Miller ..... 81 Fifteenth Ave., Columbus, Ohio
Arthur Santmier ..... Friendsville, Tenn.
M. Elsie McCoy ..... Wilmington, Ohio
Bessie B. Haworth ..... Wilmington, Ohio
Maude Harlan ..... New Burlington, Ohio
Mary B. McVey ..... 248 Rombach Ave., Wilmington, Ohio

INDIANA YEARLY MEETING

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D. Reeves Shinn ..... 8525 Fourth Ave., N. E., Seattle, Wash.
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Percy M. Thomas ..... 101 South 8th St., Richmond, Ind.
M. Marie Cassell ..... Ludlow Falls, Ohio
James R. Furbay ..... 1515 S. Adams, Marion, Ind.
Chester B. McKean ..... 212 South Oak, Traverse City, Mich.
Robert M. Jones ..... 2911 Eden Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
Francis E. Runnion ..... Route 4, Van Wert, Ohio
W. Bruce Hadley ..... 25 South 15th, Richmond, Ind.
Milo S. Hinckle ..... 137 South 14th, Richmond, Ind.
H. Earl Cox ..... Fairmount, Ind.
John Compton ..... 901 West 9th, Anderson, Ind.
Olive Hedges Payne .... 740 Hawthorne Road, New Castle, Ind.
DeWitt Foster ..... Spiceland, Ind.
William J. Sayers ..... 416 W. Adams, Muncie, Ind.
R. Aaron Napier ..... Winchester, Ind.
Adam H. Flatter ..... Lynn, Ind.
L. Herbert Reynolds ..... Amboy, Ind.
Homer G. Biddlecum ..... Charlottesville, Ind.

ALTERNATES

Murray S. Kenworthy ..... Carthage, Ind.
John I. Wright ..... Route 2, Traverse City, Mich.
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Gertrude Small .....Route 3, Marion, Ind.
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Myrtle Lehman .....Rural Route, Rockford, Ohio
William E. Berry.....337 College Ave., Richmond, Ind.
Elizabeth Quigg.....Garwood Road, Richmond, Ind.
J. Raymond McCracken.....Rural Route, Fairmount, Ind.
Hazel Wright .....Anderson, Ind.
Milton Stafford .....Route 2, New Castle, Ind.
Eleanor Lister .....Knightstown, Ind.
Ralph Lawrence .....Farmland, Ind.
Mary Hinshaw .....Winchester, Ind.
Anna Cox .....Route 4, Union City, Ind.
J. Grant Johnson .....Wabash, Ind.
Ethel Loudenback .....Greenfield, Ind.

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

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Eldon Farmer .....Paoli, Ind.
Donald B. Spitler .....Carmel, Ind.
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Russell E. Rees.....906 E. Walnut, Kokomo, Ind.
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Lee Guyer .....Hutsonville, Ill.
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Dwight Kendall .....Thorntown, Ind.
Orval H. Cox .....Westfield, Ind.
Catherine Lindley .....Russiaville, Ind.
Helen L. Woodard .....Georgetown, Ill.
Sarah Rayle .....Route 1, Cicero, Ind.
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Fredric E. Carter .....Plainfield, Ind.
Alvin T. Coate.....2451 Broadway, Indianapolis, Ind.
Eliezer Partington .....Bloomingdale, Ind.

Dr. B. F. Andrews.....727 Reba Place, Evanston, Ill.
Frank F. Johnson .....Russiaville, Ind.
Albert L. Copeland.....Vermilion Grove, Ill.

ALTERNATES

Mary Hiatt .....Georgetown, Ill.
Edith Stout Stipp .....Paoli, Ind.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING

DELEGATES

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Carl D. Byrd .....707 W. State St., Marshalltown, Iowa
John H. Hadley .....Greenville, Iowa
Paul Barnett .....Lynnville, Iowa
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Charles F. Thomas.....615 East 13th St., Des Moines, Iowa
Roscoe C. Coffin.....4227 Alden Drive, Minneapolis, Minn.
Edgar H. Stranahan....William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa
Anna Albery .....R. F. D., Newton, Iowa
Leonard Hall .....Earlham, Iowa
Blanche A. Conover .....Lynnville, Iowa

ALTERNATES

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Wendell Hansen.....111 W. 45th St., Minneapolis, Minn.
William S. Kitch.....1014 Oakland Drive, Muscatine, Iowa
Herbert Huffman, Jr.....652 North C St., Oskaloosa, Iowa
Della Day .....R. F. D., Kellogg, Iowa
Lawrence Sams .....Arnolds Park, Iowa
Clarence Hinshaw.....R. F. D., New Providence, Iowa
Bessie Franc Brown.....Richland, Iowa
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Walter H. Wilson.....Grinnell, Iowa
Roy S. Williams.....301 K Ave., E., Oskaloosa, Iowa
Herschel Mendenhall...William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa

NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

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Fremont Chapman.....Deer Trail, Colo.
M. Herbert Watson .....Central City, Nebr.
Andrew Stuart .....Allen, Nebr.
Lester W. Figgins .....Hay Springs, Nebr.
Bernice Case .....Benkelman, Nebr.
Caspar W. Hanson.....Stickney, S. D.
Walter R. Ellis .....Allen, Nebr.
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Alternates

Cora Gregory .....Center, Colo.
Ava C. Maris .....4128 Grove St., Denver, Colo.
Glenn A. Reece.....Central City, Nebr.
Kelsey Hinshaw .....Waterbury, Nebr.
Willard Mendenhall .....Hay Springs, Nebr.
A. J. Hansen .....Benkelman, Nebr.
Martin Williamson.....Vale, S. D.

CALIFORNIA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

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Gorman Y. Doubleday.....2130 Channing Way, Berkeley, Cal.
Ray L. Carter.....620 E. 9th, Long Beach, Cal.
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W. O. Mendenhall.....582 E. Philadelphia, Whittier, Cal.
Harley M. Moore.....545 E. Walnut, Whittier, Cal.
Allen U. Tomlinson.....142 S. Friends, Whittier, Cal.
R. Ernest Lamb.....505 N. Raymond, Pasadena, Cal.
Marie B. Otis.....R. F. D. 1, Box 97, Whittier, Cal.

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E. L. Gregory.....862 54th St., Oakland, Cal.
J. Parker Cosand.....1415 South 4th, Alhambra, Cal.

Paul P. Younger.....1825 South 8th, Alhambra, Cal.
Gladys Ferguson.....Route 3, Box 67, Holtville, Cal.
Frank E. Carpenter.....Sunnyside, Cal.
Frank W. Dell.....2656 Belgrave St., Huntington Park, Cal.
O. Herschel Folger.....125 N. Painter, Whittier, Cal.
D. R. Marling.....425 College, Whittier, Cal.
Helen E. Walker.....1968 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, Cal.

5. A number of Yearly Meetings and bodies of Friends appointed fraternal delegates for whose appointment our Meeting is appreciative, and a welcome was given to all present. The roll of fraternal delegates is as follows:

London Yearly Meeting: Grace Warren Sturge, Lady Ethel Unwin, M. Teresa Sturge, and Irene Pickard.
Cuba Yearly Meeting: José Bauza.*
Jamaica Annual Conference: Zephaniah Cunningham.
Mexico Yearly Meeting: Jerges Rodriguez.
Japan Yearly Meeting: Esther B. Rhoads.
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Arch Street):
Howard H. Brinton, Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa.
Anna Cox Brinton, Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa.
Carroll T. Brown, Westtown, Pa.
Anna Hartshorne Brown, Westtown, Pa.
Esther A. Carter, The Knoll, Lansdowne, Pa.
Harold Evans, 100 Provident Tr. Co. Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.
Edward W. Evans, 304 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Matilda W. Evans, 500 W. Gay St., West Chester, Pa.
Caroline N. Jacob, 720 N. Walnut St., West Chester, Pa.
Charles W. Palmer, Westtown, Pa.
David S. Richie, 304 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Grace E. Rhoads, Jr., Box 90, Moorestown, N. J.
James G. Vail, 20 South 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Ruth R. Vail, Front and West Sts., Media, Pa.
Bernard G. Waring, 48 E. Penn, Germantown, Philadelphia.
Grace W. Waring, 48 E. Penn, Germantown, Philadelphia.
Richard R. Wood, 304 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

*Presence prevented by illness. Hector Diaz arrived the last of the week to represent Cuba.

A letter brought by Esther B. Rhoads from the Executive Committee of Japan Yearly Meeting conveying greetings from Japan Friends was read.

While not a fraternal delegate by formal letter, the presence of Blanche Weber Shaffer was appreciated as a representative of Friends in Switzerland.

6. London Friends through their Meeting for Sufferings sent the following letter:

To the Five Years Meeting of Friends:

From the present time of testing we turn to greet you in your time of fellowship "bound together" as we are, "in the bundle of Life." We remember happy friendships, similarity of work in many parts of the world, and the World Committee for Consultation in which we share. The union of true hearts in the faith witnessed to by our fathers holds firmly for us today and we welcome the bonds the more—as the clouds of soulless tyranny roll near us—for they strengthen us in this hour of trial.

We long that as you look forward to the period opening before you, you may realise the greatness of the opportunity, the building up of the church in truth. Today the need is greater than ever for a Christianity expressed in life and in the home, so that our young people accept right standards when contrary teaching is striding across the world and military domination is threatened. We have to confess that we have often failed, that we have not recognised the drift from simplicity of faith and life that should be the mark of the friends of Jesus.

Together with you we ask for grace to meet the needs of our fellow-men as we work in many fields. May the God of all comfort be with you and us in these days.

ARTHUR J. EDDINGTON,

September, 1940. *Clerk of Meeting for Sufferings.*

7. Leonard Webb, Clerk of Dublin Yearly Meeting, sent for his Meeting a cablegram, "Greetings from Ireland."

8. A letter from Ernest Lynn Waldorf, Presiding Bishop of the Illinois Conference of the Methodist

Church, was read, which letter commended the Wider Quaker Fellowship and authorized Frank D. Campbell and wife, Ada L. Campbell, to represent the Conference and to bear greetings to Friends.

9. Credentials for several Friends in attendance were read as follows for:

Hannah Clothier Hull, by the Executive Committee of Friends General Conference.

John S. C. and Emily B. Harvey, by Valley Monthly Meeting held at Stafford, Pa., endorsed by the Representative Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, General Conference.

Arthur C. Jackson and wife, Edith Wilson Jackson, by the Executive Committee of Friends General Conference.

Elisabeth H. Bartlett, by the same.

Allen J. White, by Florida Avenue Meeting, Washington, D. C.

Frances Guion Brown, by the Representative Committee of New York Yearly Meeting, General Conference.

10. The following letter from Frank C. Brown, Clerk of Kansas Yearly Meeting, was read:

To the Clerk of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in session at Richmond, Indiana. Greetings:

The following named Friends have expressed a desire to attend the sessions of the Five Years Meeting: Frank C. Brown, Annie H. Brown, Ito Van Gieson, Harriet Van Gieson, Lela A. Gordon, Norma Faye Harsh, J. Paul Hadley, Emma Coltrane, Elizabeth Pickering, Bertha S. Sumpter, Rachel Chance, Ardelle Cope, Ora D. Hays, Arthur Chance, Herbert Hadley, Margaret Joy, Isabelle Crabb, H. Ernest Crow, Robert E. Cope, Arthur Shufelt, Westine Shufelt, William Byerly, Arthur Hobson, and A. J. and Kathrine Binford.

Kansas Yearly Meeting, now in session, gives them this expression of unity with their desire. They are in good standing and representatives of the membership of Kansas Yearly Meeting.

FRANK C. BROWN,
Clerk of Kansas Yearly Meeting.

October 12, 1940.

Of the persons named eighteen were present. These were welcomed by the Clerk who asked them to sit in future sessions in an appointed section, as other delegations are seated.

11. The roll of Yearly Meetings was called to secure the names of the Chairmen of the delegations who, as follows, will constitute the Committee on Organization:

Canada—Burton S. W. Hill
New England—Lindley M. Binford
New York—George H. Wood
Baltimore—Margaret T. Carey
North Carolina—Murray C. Johnson
Wilmington—Howard McKay
Indiana—William J. Sayers
Western—Errol T. Elliott
Iowa—Edwin McGrew
Nebraska—M. Herbert Watson
California—Allen U. Tomlinson

12. The appointments by the delegations of persons to constitute the Business Committee were as follows:

Canada—G. Raymond Booth
New England—Rufus M. Jones
New York—David F. Lane
Baltimore—Lindley D. Clark
North Carolina—Samuel L. Haworth
Wilmington—Wendell G. Farr
Indiana—Walter C. Woodward
Western—Homer J. Coppock
Iowa—Edgar H. Stranahan
Nebraska—Walter R. Ellis
California—Thomas W. Bewley

13. The Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting, out of a bequest and gift of the late Isaac Thorne Johnson and his wife, Lida Kimball Johnson, has set aside a sum as a foundation for establishing "The Isaac Thorne and Lida Kimball Johnson Memorial Lectureship." The initial lecture, and the first of the addresses to be given in our quinquennial sessions, was delivered by Alvin T. Coate, of Indianapolis, on the theme, "Beyond Democracy." It will be published in pamphlet form. The presence of Lida K. Johnson, who was escorted to the platform, was appreciated by the Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
9:30 a. m.

14. After the meeting for worship, the Presiding Clerk, Rufus M. Jones, called for the records of the meeting last evening. These being read in our hearing were accepted.

15. The Committee on Organization presented the following names of Friends to serve the Meeting as Clerks:

Presiding Clerk—Allen U. Tomlinson.
Recording Clerk—Lyra T. Wolkins.
Reading Clerk—Edgar H. Stranahan.
Announcing Clerk—Seth B. Hinshaw.

These being considered in turn, the persons named are duly appointed to the positions indicated.

16. For the capable and devoted work of the retiring Clerks, this Meeting records its sincere appre-

ciation. We are especially grateful to our dear Friend, Rufus M. Jones, for his wholehearted devotion, his wise counsel, his unstinted service as Presiding Clerk during the sessions of 1935 and the opening meetings of this year.

17. The Business Committee reported having organized with Rufus M. Jones as chairman, and Thomas W. Bewley as secretary.

18. Edgar H. Stranahan asked to be released from serving on the Business Committee in view of his position as Reading Clerk. This request was granted and another name will be presented to represent Iowa Yearly Meeting on the Business Committee.

19. The Committee on Organization is requested to name persons to serve the Meeting as pages and as ushers.

20. A letter on behalf of Esther E. Baird from Nowgong Monthly Meeting, India, was read and a cordial greeting extended to our beloved Friend. Esther E. Baird responded fittingly, telling the Meeting that the two Clerks who signed the letter from Nowgong, Stuti Prakash and Tulsi Das, were rescued as children from famine and are now trusted and esteemed Christian workers and members of the Society of Friends. The Clerks are directed to acknowledge the letter of Esther E. Baird.

21. Friends who have come in since the roll of delegates was called last evening have responded at this time, and there have been reported certain substitutions in the delegations from the lists of alternates.

22. Regrets for unavoidable absence were presented for J. Hoge Ricks of the Baltimore delegation.

23. There are acceptably present from Kansas Yearly Meeting as additional members of their fraternal delegation: A. J. Binford, Kathrine Binford, Lela E. Gordon, Norma F. Harsh, and W. A. Young. All these fraternal delegates are cordially greeted in Christian fellowship.

24. No further formal items of business appearing, the Meeting turned its attention to the consideration of the topic scheduled for this session, "Matching Our Day and Opportunity." Russell E. Rees, Chairman of Commission I, in well-chosen words introduced the subject. He was followed by Thomas E. Jones who made an eloquent plea for a living demonstration of the Christ-way of life in the actual world of today where hate and evil and violence are rampant and the forces of love seem for the time being so powerless. Practical methods were described, such as work camps, interracial projects, intervisitation, ways of Christian service and living, which rise above and beyond attitudes. The Cross is still the wisdom of God and the power of God and will ultimately prevail, dark though the way may seem.

25. Homer J. Coppock led in the discussion which followed, taking up Section IV of the Questions printed in the Syllabus—"Is there a fixed gulf between the Christian concept of life and the daily behaviour of Christian people and nations?" Governments are the servants of human society. This is a challenge to Christian people to reshape and improve, to help bridge the apparent gulf between the ideal and the real.

Albert L. Copeland reminded us that from the beginning, God matched his power with the wayward-

ness of man. The key is found in the verse, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit." The world's supreme need of God is matched by the miracle of Bethlehem. Hate is matched with love, impurity with holiness, scorn with compassion, revenge with forgiveness, sin's worst efforts with the Cross. Christ calls his disciple to match war with his promise, "My peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." World peace must come through Divine regeneration, not through methods of education. Only through the Divine implanting of a new heart will come the power to serve; only by the power of God will sinful society be regenerated. Let us match Jesus Christ with the opportunity of the day.

A. Ward Applegate described our poor preparation for meeting the need of the day, our failure to rise to the occasion, the hindrance that comes from popularity and praise which so far exceed our deserts, the opportunity for Friends to live up to other people's expectations of them.

26. Russell E. Rees summed up the presentation of the topic and opened the way for general participation. Many Friends shared in the discussion: Raymond E. Mendenhall, Leslie D. Shaffer, Rufus M. Jones, Fred E. Winslow, Alvin T. Coate, D. Reeves Shinn, Errol T. Elliott, H. E. McGrew, John S. C. Harvey, Richard R. Newby, Percy M. Thomas, Walter H. Wilson, James G. Vail, and Jesse A. Stanfield.

27. The Recording Clerk read the foregoing minutes at this time and they were approved with two slight corrections.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

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2:00 p. m.

Convened according to adjournment.

28. After a brief period of united worship, the Meeting entered into a memorial service for Friends who during the five years past have been translated from works to reward. There are many whose presence we sorely miss in our homes and meetings and in the larger fields of service. From this number there have been chosen for special mention William L. Pearson, Carolena M. Wood, Isaac T. Johnson, Miles White, Jr., David M. Edwards, Clara I. Cox, and Allen D. Hole. On behalf of the Executive Committee, Walter C. Woodward presented the following tribute, which was feelingly read by our Reading Clerk. Words of personal affection and esteem for the lives and service of our beloved Friends were added by Lindley D. Clark, Anna Cox Brinton, Rufus M. Jones, G. Raymond Booth, Aaron McKinney, H. E. McGrew, Charles W. Palmer, Margaret T. Carey, B. F. Andrews, Helen T. Binford, Rachel Osborne, and B. Russell Branson. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord . . . their works do follow them."

IN MEMORIAM

For our renewed consecration to the tasks that have been committed to us, it is well that we pause in tribute to those who, having wrought well, have passed from us. This brief statement is limited to those who have been closely identified, in concern and action, with the Five Years Meeting as such. It could not be otherwise in the time and space at our command. May we keep in mind, however, that those named are suggestive of many other departed Friends who labored devotedly and effectively in their respective fields, both at home

and abroad. The following are named in the order of their passing:

WILLIAM L. PEARSON: Educator, minister, writer, and aggressive advocate of peace, William L. Pearson was a church statesman. Always eager for closer union among Friends, he participated actively in the steps which led to the organization of the Five Years Meeting. He was a delegate to the preparatory conferences of 1892 and 1897, and to the Five Years Meeting sessions of 1912. At his home in Pasadena, California, he died on October 26, 1935, while this body, whose deliberations he followed with such interest, was in session.

CAROLENA M. WOOD: An alert and eager evangel of good will. As a Five Years Meeting Friend, she was a delegate from New York Yearly Meeting to the quinquennial sessions in 1912, in 1917, in 1922, and was for several years a member of the Executive Committee. As a universal Friend, she recognized no boundaries to the call and need of fellowship and succor; as witness whereof, she was one who initiated in 1919 the ministry of help and reconciliation to those who had been our national enemies. Of whom could it be more truly said: She "walked cheerfully over the earth, answering to that of God in every man."

ISAAC T. JOHNSON: When the Five Years Meeting took over *The American Friend* in 1913, a Publication Board was formed to have charge of it and later the publication of Bible School supplies. At that time a Friend went to Isaac T. Johnson and said, in effect: "The Five Years Meeting needs thee and thy business talent. We want thee to arrange thy business so as to leave time for this, the King's business." As the good steward that he was, Isaac Johnson accepted the service. For nearly twenty-five years he was secretary of the Publication Board and general supervisor of its operations. Through all that period, he gave its affairs his personal attention and direction, and few realize what Friends owe him for his capable administration of the business of its important publication agency.

In addition to this heavy responsibility, which he continued to carry, Isaac Johnson was in 1929 made chairman of the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting, which responsible position he held until he asked to be released in 1935. He was also a trustee of the Five Years Meeting.

Isaac Johnson was more than a business man devoting some of his talents to the church. The scholar in business, he became the business man in religion. He gave not only his time and talents—he gave himself unreservedly. The business of the church became his business, which he performed as a deeply spiritual service.

MILES WHITE, JR.: In the passing of Miles White, Jr., of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, in 1938, the Five Years Meeting lost one of its "founding fathers." He assisted in the formation of the larger body at its organizational session in 1902, and was again a delegate in 1907. In its formative period he was for several years its treasurer and chairman of the Finance Committee, and served as a member of the Executive Committee. In these capacities he gave that meticulous and painstaking care which was so characteristic of his service.

DAVID M. EDWARDS: Though he participated actively as a delegate in various sessions of the Five Years Meeting, and was for some years a member of the Executive Committee, it was in the cause of Christian and Quaker education that David M. Edwards made his chief contribution to the Five Years Meeting. He made this contribution not only through his presidency of three of our colleges, but through his vigorous leadership as chairman of the Board of Education and through his personal zeal for this means of building and strengthening the Kingdom of God on earth.

Hardly less pronounced was his devotion to the Christian fundamentals of peace. As president of a Friends college during the first world war, he demonstrated with vigor and courage that the Quaker peace testimony is a matter of unvarying principle and not one of shifting policy.

CLARA I. COX: Active in the work of North Carolina Yearly Meeting and widely known throughout the State for her leadership in civic, cultural, and humanitarian affairs, Clara I. Cox was a Quaker-at-large Friend. She was a delegate to the Five Years Meeting in 1922, in 1927, and in 1935, and served the Meeting as first Assistant Clerk in 1922, with John R. Cary as Presiding Clerk.

ALLEN D. HOLE: Few Friends have performed greater service to the Five Years Meeting, both in an organizational and in an interpretative way than did Allen D. Hole. Friends

profited greatly from his statesmanlike qualities. In the formative years of the Five Years Meeting, his was a wisely guiding hand. For fifteen years, as chairman of the Executive Committee, he was influential in shaping the program of this large group of Friends in America.

Allen D. Hole rendered the Society of Friends memorable service as a vigorous advocate of its central testimony for peace. From 1912 to 1927, he was chairman of the Peace Association of Friends in America, which is the Peace Board of the Five Years Meeting, and was editor of its periodical, *The Messenger of Peace.* These years included the critical period of the first World War, when public pressure was exerted upon Friends, within and without, to get them to recede from their historic position. Allen Hole, from the vantage point of his accepted leadership, was a tower of strength in bulwarking Friends in that difficult time. He was one of the group who helped organize the American Friends Service Committee and chart its initial program of relief and reconstruction.

29. From the Committee on Organization came lists of names to serve the Meeting as ushers and pages, with directions for service during the sessions.

On recommendation, the following Friends have been appointed to serve as ushers: head usher, Furnas Trueblood; assistants: Howard L. Carey, Roy S. Williams, Joseph Pike, Isaac C. White, Earl Kellogg, Guy W. Solt, B. Russell Branson, Clarence Hinshaw.

For pages, the Committee on Organization suggested these Friends, and they are appointed to this duty: head page, Marie Cassell; assistants: Anna Naomi Binford, Helen Newlin Kindel, Lelia E. Marstaller, Lorena Briggs.

30. The Executive Committee through its Chairman, Errol T. Elliott, presented a report of its actions during the five-year period now ended, which has been approved by this Meeting:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

I. *Organization and Membership*

With Lindley M. Binford as convener, the newly appointed Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting met for organization after the close of the afternoon business session on October 28. At that time officers were chosen as follows: Chairman, Edgar H. Stranahan; Secretary, Walter C. Woodward. Members of the Central Committee: Howard W. Cope, Laurenna H. Farquhar, Dr. B. F. Andrews, and Alvin T. Coate, in addition to the Chairman and the Secretary. For the purpose of giving more adequate attention to the business that comes before it during the year, the Central Committee was increased from five to seven members by the Executive Committee, at its annual session in 1937. Nellie H. Markle and James C. Matchett were appointed as the additional members.

By the withdrawal of Kansas Yearly Meeting in 1937, Edgar H. Stranahan, a member of that Yearly Meeting, ceased to be a member of the Executive Committee. Errol T. Elliott was chosen to succeed him as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Nellie H. Markle as Chairman of the Central Committee.

During the five-year period several changes have occurred in the personnel of the Executive Committee. In 1937, Harley M. Moore succeeded Frank W. Dell, removed from the Yearly Meeting, as the representative of California Yearly Meeting. On the organization of the Board on Christian Education, and following the retirement of Edgar H. Stranahan, Errol T. Elliott and Milton H. Hadley became the representatives of that Board on the Committee. Following the death of Isaac T. Johnson, Russell E. Rees was made a member-at-large. Murray S. Kenworthy became a member of the Committee, representing the Mission Board, succeeding George H. Wood. When he succeeded Tom A. Sykes as Chairman of the Peace Board, so representing the Board on the Executive Committee, W. Bruce Hadley was appointed to represent the Mission Board in this capacity.

Following the initial meeting for organization, annual meetings of the Executive Committee have been held in April to

care for the interests of the Five Years Meeting and to transact the necessary business.

II. *Action on Matters Referred to the Executive Committee by the Five Years Meeting in 1935*

1. Establishing the Board on Christian Education:

On the concluding day of the sessions of 1935, a communication was presented on behalf of the Young Friends Board and the Board on Religious Education, signed by David W. Day and Edgar H. Stranahan, Chairmen, respectively, calling attention to the need of a more adequate program of education in Christian and Friendly ideas, ideals and attitudes, for which the two Boards were similarly responsible. The communication requested that the Executive Committee be urged to consider ways and means both financial and organizational for the early launching of a more complete program. The whole matter was referred to the Executive Committee and, by the interpretation of the Committee, with power to proceed in the light of its best judgment.

Accordingly, after due consideration and on the basis of presentations made by the Board on Religious Education and Young Friends Board, the new Board on Christian Education was established in 1938. Care was taken in the setting up of the new Board to succeed these two Boards, which strongly recommended this action, that nothing should be done to submerge the Young Friends in the larger organization. In making up the personnel of the new Board, therefore, it was so constituted that one of the two appointees from each Yearly Meeting was a Young Friend.

Since the Board on Christian Education is making its own report, it is not necessary to enlarge upon this important action. Suffice it here to say that the Executive Committee has been gratified at the vigorous and comprehensive way in which the new Board has approached its enlarged task.

2. Problems Relating to Membership:

Several matters affecting membership in one way and another were referred to the Executive Committee by the Five Years Meeting for further consideration and report.

One was presented from Western Yearly Meeting, suggesting the desirability of removing the distinction between Active and Associate members, thus restoring birthright membership. A committee of three, Wendell G. Farr, A. Ward Applegate, and Burritt M. Hiatt, was appointed to make a study of the question and report to the Executive Committee. After considerable time this committee reported that it did not feel sufficiently informed on the attitude of Friends of the Five Years Meeting to recommend either the acceptance or the rejection of the proposed amendment to the Discipline. It recommended that the issues involved be presented to the various Yearly Meetings, asking them to consider the matter carefully in their annual sessions and to make report of their conclusions to the Executive Committee prior to the sessions in 1940. This recommendation did not meet the approval of the Executive Committee, which felt that the Discipline is reasonably clear on the questions raised, and where not sufficiently so, can easily be clarified. It was the general feeling that the situation would not be improved by a return to the former procedure, and that present difficulties are to be attributed not so much to the present system of Associate membership as to the lack of our local bodies on Ministry and Oversight in fulfilling their manifest duties in nurturing Associate members and bringing them to a definite decision and to full membership. Accordingly, the Chairman and Secretary were instructed so to report to the next session of the Five Years Meeting, calling attention to the fact that we now have birthright Associate membership, children of parents who are Friends coming into this relationship automatically at time of birth.

It should be stated in this connection that this question of classification of membership is receiving much helpful discussion in the suggestions that are being proposed for the revision of the Discipline.

On the question of "affiliated membership" as mentioned in the reference made by the Five Years Meeting, the Executive Committee asked the Secretary to report on its behalf to the Five Years Meeting that there is no Disciplinary provision for such membership, but that it would encourage local meetings to provide when desired for an affiliated relationship for those

who, though wishing to participate in the life of the meeting, are not prepared to become actual members.

However, the most significant part of the reference, in the thought of the Executive Committee, had to do with potential membership, both as it relates to the nurture of children and young people and to the proper training of adults for creative membership. In this connection the Executive Committee was encouraged to learn of a significant piece of work being done in North Carolina Yearly Meeting for the Christian nurture of Associate members in different age groups in preparation for active membership. Other members spoke of courses being used in their respective Yearly Meetings. As a sequel to this discussion, two committees were appointed as authorized by the Committee, one to prepare a course for the preparation of Associates and the other for the preparation of adults. Of the first committee, R. Furnas Trueblood was designated as Chairman, his fellow-workers being Minnie H. Zelliott, Harold Tollefson, Raymond Binford, Cecil E. Haworth, Amy Outland, and Milton H. Hadley. James R. Furbay was named as Chairman of the committee for adults, other members being Percy M. Thomas, A. Ward Applegate, and Lyra T. Wolkins. These committees have made partial reports to the Executive Committee and have been encouraged to proceed further with the task assigned them.

3. Invitation to Membership:

According to instruction given by the Five Years Meeting in session, the Executive Committee, through its Secretary, addressed letters to Philadelphia (Arch Street), Oregon and Ohio Yearly Meetings, inviting them to join the Five Years Meeting and expressing the hope of the Committee that whatever the official reaction to the overture might be, the bonds of fellowship between them and us may be continually strengthened.

Through their respective Clerks, Edward Mott and Ralph S. Coppock, courteous letters of declination have come from Ohio and Oregon Yearly Meetings. No formal reply has yet come from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, by which the invitation has received long and serious consideration. Realizing that it might not feel free to come into the official relationship,

the Executive Committee invited Philadelphia to send fraternal delegates as it has been doing during these many years.

Letters were also sent to the Clerks of Oregon, Ohio and Kansas Yearly Meetings, assuring them that any of their members who might feel led to attend the sessions would receive a hearty welcome. Yearly Meetings and groups "beyond the seas" were asked to send fraternal delegates as authorized by the Five Years Meeting. Unfortunately, due to the war in Europe, few if any representatives from abroad are expected. This will be the first time since the establishment of the first Five Years Meeting in 1902 that adequate representation has not been present from London and Dublin Yearly Meetings.

4. Ex-Officio Members of the Committee on the Relief of Aged Ministers and Missionaries:

At its initial meeting on October 28, 1935, the Executive Committee named Lindley M. Binford, Burritt M. Hiatt, Howard W. Cope, Nellie H. Markle and Richard R. Newby as a sub-committee for the administration of relief funds supplied through the current United Work funds. At its next annual session in April, attention of the Executive Committee was called to the action of the Five Years Meeting authorizing each Yearly Meeting to appoint a suitable person or committee to act ex-officio as a member of the Five Years Meeting committee. There was considerable expression to the effect that such enlargement of the committee is impracticable; especially so as the cooperation envisaged is largely in force through the cooperation of this committee with the Yearly Meeting authorities. The matter was left to the sub-committee to work out in accordance with its best judgment.

5. Uniform Blanks:

At the request of the Five Years Meeting, the Executive Committee had prepared and printed a uniform blank for exchanging information regarding Friends who have moved to locations within another meeting: this for the helpful information of meetings involved, in order that they may more readily establish contact with Friends who have moved within their limits.

6. Safeguarding Records:

As instructed by the Executive Committee, the Secretary transmitted a letter to Yearly Meeting Clerks stressing the importance on the part of local meetings of securing good record books, of keeping records up to date, and, in cases in which Yearly Meetings do not have such, urging them to provide vaults for the safeguarding of future records.

7. Proposed Inter-racial Commission or Council:

At its sessions in 1935, the Five Years Meeting suggested that we cooperate with the American Friends Service Committee in our inter-racial activities and that we request it to set up a commission or council for such service with provision for representation thereon, to be appointed by our Executive Committee. The Secretary communicated this action to the American Friends Service Committee which has not thus far seen its way clear to setting up such a commission.

8. Indebtedness Liquidated:

Thanks to a bequest from Isaac T. Johnson, made active by his widow, Lida K. Johnson, the remaining indebtedness of $2000 on the Central Office Building has been paid. This clears us of indebtedness except within the family circle. Annual payments from the United Budget are being made to the Publication Board on amounts advanced to pay off old promotion notes at the bank.

III. *Action Taken on Other Matters*

1. On Training of Ministers and Workers:

The Executive Committee came under deep concern that some steps be taken for the better preparation of our pastors and workers in the spirit and ideals of Friends. After much discussion, a Commission was appointed to study the whole situation and make report. Milo S. Hinckle was made Chairman of the Commission, the personnel of which changed somewhat. As far as meeting the original purpose is concerned, the commission was able to make little progress, but presented from the Conference of Yearly Meeting Superintendents and Secretaries a recommendation that "our Friends colleges be urged to incorporate in their curricula courses of

study that should be foundational for young men and women who may be working toward active ministry in the Society of Friends." This recommendation was referred for consideration to the Board of Education, together with the suggestion made by the Chairman of the latter that possibility of cooperation with various theological seminaries be explored. This item is discussed in the report of the Board of Education.

From the aforementioned Commission came an urgent request for some definite changes in the Uniform Discipline in relation to the ideals and standards of Friends' pastors and pastoral service. This important matter is receiving attention through the proposed changes in the Uniform Discipline now under consideration.

2. Changes in Discipline Proposed:

At the first two annual conferences of Yearly Meeting Superintendents and Secretaries, held in February, 1939, and during the holiday season of 1939-40, the importance was urged of making a revision of the Uniform Discipline to make it correspond more nearly to present practices among the meetings of the Five Years Meeting. By direction of that body, Milo S. Hinckle, Percy M. Thomas, and Fredric E. Carter were appointed as a sub-committee to make a draft of proposed changes on the basis of widespread suggestions. At the request of the Executive Committee, their tentative draft was presented and fully discussed at its annual meeting held in April. After suggesting several changes in the draft, the Executive Committee authorized the circulation of the proposed changes among Yearly Meetings for their reaction. The sub-committee has collated the suggestions that have come in from various sources, and the whole subject is thus presented for the consideration of the Five Years Meeting in session.

3. Revision of Disciplinary Statement on Organization:

At its meeting in April, 1940, the Executive Committee authorized the preparation of a revision of the statement in the Discipline on organization of the Five Years Meeting to make it correspond to the present status, accompanied by such changes as may seem desirable. This revision will be presented to the general sessions through the Executive Committee.

4. Stewardship Committee Appointed:

Feeling strongly that the important subject of Christian Stewardship has not received adequate attention, the Executive Committee set up a Stewardship Committee, the initial members of which were H. Randolph Pyle, Chairman, Nellie H. Markle, Merle L. Davis, and William J. Sayers. Percy M. Thomas was co-opted by the Committee and acted as its Secretary. He was later made a regular member of the Committee and the names of Jeanette Hadley and Walter C. Woodward were also added. Yearly Meeting Chairmen of Stewardship Committees have been invited to become advisory members of the Committee. This invitation was not restricted to Yearly Meetings belonging to the Five Years Meeting.

We desire to commend the Stewardship Committee for the constructive work it has already accomplished in this field, its program including preparation and publication of forceful and effective material dealing with the privilege of Stewardship, the distribution and exhibit of the best books and pamphlets on Stewardship promotion, and arrangement for helpful group discussion.

5. Representation at World Council on Life and Work:

An invitation came from the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work to be represented at its meeting held at Oxford, England, in the summer of 1937. Elbert Russell was appointed as a representative of the Five Years Meeting. Through him a message submitted by a special committee was presented to the Council, setting forth our fundamental position on Peace.

6. Ecumenical Commission:

Feeling it to be of primary importance that Friends be kept informed on the movement for Christian Unity and brought under a deep sense of their responsibility in connection with it, the Executive Committee set up an Ecumenical Commission, composed of Elbert Russell, Alvin T. Coate, Margaret T. Carey, Merle L. Davis and Robert W. Balderston, the latter since deceased. This Commission, through articles in *The American Friend,* public addresses and otherwise, has been active in keeping the subject before our constituency. Respon-

sibility has been laid upon the Commission by the Program Committee for presenting the subject at the forthcoming sessions of the Five Years Meeting. It is not without significance that Elbert Russell, the Chairman of our Commission, was chosen by the smaller religious bodies of the United States to represent them at the initial meeting of the World Council of Churches held at Utrecht.

7. Memorial Lectureship Established:

At its annual meeting in April, 1940, the Executive Committee was informed that, through a bequest made by the late Isaac Thorne Johnson, made effective now through the action of his widow, Lida Kaufman Johnson, the amount of $5000 had been received by the Five Years Meeting. It was directed by the terms of the bequest that the debt on the Central Office Building be paid as the first charge on this fund. This had been done, leaving a balance of $3000 to be used by the Trustees at the discretion of the Executive Committee as might seem most desirable. It was the action of the Executive Committee that the balance of this gift be made a continuing memorial in the form of a lectureship for the Five Years Meeting, to be known as "The Isaac T. and Lida K. Johnson Lectureship," subject to the future action of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee and the Program Committee requested that the lectureship be initiated this year, and asked Alvin T. Coate, who was so long and intimately associated with Isaac T. Johnson in the work of the Five Years Meeting, to give the first lecture. As a method of procedure hereafter, it is the action of the Committee that the lecturer be nominated by the Program Committee to the Executive Committee.

8. Handling of Funds by Trustees:

The following resolution was presented in April, 1939, from the Board on Education: "That the attention of the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting be directed to the question whether provision should be made for the expense involved in administering the funds of this and the other Boards of the Five Years Meeting, and what, if any, assurance should be given to the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting as to their

personal liability for the handling of these funds." To investigate and report on this subject, a committee was appointed consisting of William C. Dennis, a member of the Board of Education, Jesse O. Parshall, our auditor, and Louis B. Campbell, a trustee of the Five Years Meeting. They are preparing a report for submission to the Executive Committee immediately prior to the general sessions of the Five Years Meeting.

9. Fixing United Work Estimates and Administrative Assessments:

As in years past, it has been the duty of the Executive Committee to appraise the minimum needs of our Boards and agencies and to fix the estimates to be included in the United Budget for the current fiscal year. The figures involved as given in the Treasurer's Report indicate a considerable increase in contributions during the five-year period.

Cooperating with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee has also fixed the rate of Yearly Meeting assessments for administrative expenses as provided in the Discipline. Throughout the five-year period, the rate of 6 cents per member has been maintained. In the report made to the Five Years Meeting in 1935, it was explained that a few Yearly Meetings had failed to make appropriations sufficient to cover their assessments, and even some who accepted the assessments at the stated rate were in arrears from time to time in their payments. In contrast to that situation, it is a great satisfaction to report that the constituent Yearly Meetings without exception have been making appropriations to meet their assessments and that all have been prompt in paying them. It need hardly be said how this thoroughgoing cooperation facilitates the work of the Five Years Meeting.

IV. *Matters of General Information*

1. Invitation to World Council of Churches:

At its meeting in 1939, there was submitted to the Executive Committee an invitation to the Five Years Meeting to become a member of the World Council of Churches, in process of formation. It was agreed by all that no action should be taken

at that time, but it was the sense of the group that the Executive Committee should submit the invitation to the Five Years Meeting in 1940, with a recommendation as to the action which should be taken. To this end the Ecumencial Commission was asked to carry on a campaign of education regarding the World Council and Friends' relations thereto. Meantime, the Program Committee has made provision for adequate presentation and discussion of the invitation during the coming sessions.

2. Withdrawal of Kansas Yearly Meeting:

From its Clerk, Frank C. Brown, there was presented this communication from Kansas Yearly Meeting, dated October 24, 1937, at the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of 1938: "At the request of seven Quarterly Meetings, Kansas Yearly Meeting passed a resolution to withdraw from the Five Years Meeting." Expressions of mingled regret and sympathetic understanding were voiced by members of the Committee. A letter conveying the spirit of these expressions was sent in acknowledgment.

3. Representation at Peace Study Conference:

The Five Years Meeting was asked to appoint delegates to attend a Peace Study Conference on the Churches and the International Situation, held in Philadelphia, February 27-29, 1940, under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches. Of several tentative appointments made by the Committee, Murray S. Kenworthy, Chairman of the Peace Board, and George Badgley of New York Yearly Meeting, were in attendance, in addition to three or four members of the staff of the American Friends Service Committee.

4. Appointment of Program Committee:

At its annual meeting in 1938, the Executive Committee named Errol T. Elliott, W. Bruce Hadley, Nellie H. Markle, Faith A. Terrell, Alvin T. Coate, Richard R. Newby and Raymond Binford to act as a committee to arrange a program for the 1940 sessions, with Walter C. Woodward as Secretary of the Committee. The program Committee appointed W. Bruce Hadley as its Chairman.

5. Cooperation Against Conscription Bill:

When the subject of conscription as a peace-time policy of the United States became a live issue before Congress, Friends exercised helpful leadership in helping to organize the opposition to the proposed measure. Friends in charge at Washington earnestly requested the Five Years Meeting to cooperate in the emergency as fully as possible by appointing representatives to be present at the Capitol to confer with Senators and Congressmen. In cooperation with the Peace Board, officers of the Committee sent Willard O. Trueblood to the national capital, who did a week's effective work. On his return, W. Bruce Hadley and Ernest Mills were appointed to carry on, and they spent about ten days at Washington, holding interviews with Congressmen. We feel that our representatives performed an important service in expressing the position of Friends on the subject of war and conscription, and in getting before Senators and Congressmen the position of the conscientious objector.

6. More Adequate Office Building:

At the annual meeting in April, 1940, the following minute was presented from the proceedings of the Mission Board, April, 1939: "The Board suggested that the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting study the need for a more adequate office building." Without committing itself to the merits of the proposal, the Executive Committee instructed the Central Committee to appoint a committee to explore the subject. No report is yet available.

V. *Appointments Made by Committee*

1. Edwin G. Crawford and Jesse O. Parshall were re-elected as Treasurer and Auditor respectively for the Five Years Meeting for the ensuing quinquennium.

2. As members of the Publication Board, the following were appointed: Business Council: Alvin T. Coate, E. Harrison Scott, Jesse O. Parshall; Editorial Council: J. Hoge Ricks, Albert L. Copeland, Tom A. Sykes, and the Editor of *The American Friend.*

3. Appointments relating to the Federal Council of Churches:

As delegates and alternates to the biennial meeting of the Federal Council, held in December, 1936, the following were appointed: Delegates: Walter C. Woodward, Elizabeth L. Hazard, W. Bruce Hadley, and Walter L. Collins. Alternates: Errol T. Elliott, Jennie C. Callister, Thomas W. Y. Clark, and A. Ward Applegate.

Similar appointments for the biennial meeting in December 1938, were these: Delegates: Walter C. Woodward, Alvin T. Coate, Elbert Russell, and W. Glenn Roberts. Alternates: Elizabeth L. Hazard and Arlando Marine.

It should be explained that representatives thus chosen are considered members of the Federal Council for the two-year period following the biennial meeting.

During the current biennium, Walter C. Woodward and W. Glenn Roberts were appointed to serve on the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches, with Arlando Marine and Elizabeth Hazard acting as alternates.

VI. *General Education, Promotion and Outreach*

During the five-year period, the Promotion Committee has consisted of members of the Central Committee, plus the administrative officers at the Central Offices. For the first two years of the period emphasis was placed on stimulating the spiritual and the material resources in the home constituency. This emphasis was well carried over into the latter part of the period through the good work done by the Stewardship Committee and through the excellent field work to be mentioned presently. As has already been indicated, this emphasis tended to increase rather than diminish the contributions for our United Work, including our mission program.

A major feature of this quinquennial period has been the preaching mission conducted throughout the Five Years Meeting and under its auspices, by Willard O. Trueblood, assisted by his wife, Caroline Trueblood. This evangelistic service was started in 1936 and, after an interruption for a six months' period during which Willard Trueblood went on a deputation to our mission field in Africa, was resumed and has been con-

ducted to the present time. Much satisfaction has been expressed regarding this ministry in which small and more isolated meetings are included as well as the larger meetings in cities.

Errol T. Elliott resigned as Promotional Secretary in November, 1936, to enter upon the pastoral work at First Friends Church in Indianapolis. For the remainder of the current year Emily Parker, Young Friends Secretary, carried on some parts of the work on a part-time basis. During the following year, J. Grant Johnson, a minister of Western Yearly Meeting, gave part-time service in this capacity while carrying on his work in Earlham College.

In the fall of 1938, Percy M. Thomas, who had been pastor of the Friends Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, for several years, was appointed as Field Secretary for Education and Promotion, with special responsibility for working with local meetings. Working in close cooperation with the Board on Christion Education and the Publication Board, he has performed a comprehensive and valuable service, some of the main features of which have been: conferences with Yearly Meeting committees and local meetings; assisting in Yearly Meeting regional conferences, active cooperation with the Stewardship Committee; promoting annual conferences of Yearly Meeting Superintendents and Secretaries at their request; conducting several evangelistic meetings; and representing Friends in certain interdenominational relationships. Most important of all has been the help he has rendered local meetings in bringing them a vision and method of a united program involving all phases of church work. In short, he has taken the Five Years Meeting to the uttermost parts, geographically speaking, and has thus been able to render a service to local meetings that has never before been done so fully and well.

VII. *Other Services Rendered*

In addition to the promotional and field work suggested above, the Executive Committee has continued to render many services through the office of its Secretary and through its members and officers. In this latter connection, a special word of appreciation is due Nellie H. Markle, Chairman of the Central Committee, who has given of her time and ability almost

without limit in behalf of the interests of the Five Years Meeting.

A large array of unclassified service is rendered through the Secretary's office. It serves to a considerable degree as a clearing house for information for the constituent Yearly Meetings and is freely drawn upon for information and data not only by our own meetings, but by various agencies. A given week's correspondence might easily disclose such entries as the following:

"Who are the Quakers and why? Please write me fully."

"How may I become a Friend? Please give me location of meetings in my vicinity."

"Please fill out the inclosed questionnaire—note space for remarks."

"Can you send me complete information on the doctrines and practices of the Friends?"

"Will you please suggest a suitable name for our young people's Bible class that includes both married and single people."

"I have to give a talk on Quakerism. Send me the needed material."

"My great grandfather went to Indiana in 1822. I want to know what meeting he belonged to, if any."

These are suggestive of the "Information, Please" department which the Secretary necessarily conducts to a considerable degree. We do wish to be helpful in these respects so far as compatible with other responsibilities.

With our wide knowledge of field and workers, the office is glad to help, in cooperation with the Yearly Meeting authorities, in bringing field and worker together when our assistance is asked for.

We do not doubt that in the days ahead, as was true in 1917 and 1918, the office will feel a heavy responsibility for rendering every counsel and assistance possible toward helping Friends, our young people especially, meet the serious issues which face us all.

ERROL T. ELLIOTT, *Chairman.*
WALTER C. WOODWARD, *Secretary.*

31. As Secretary of the Executive Committee, Walter C. Woodward presented a supplementary report, conveying the following recommendations of the Committee growing out of its meeting immediately prior to the sessions of the Five Years Meeting:

(1) At its meeting in April, 1940, the Executive Committee authorized the preparation of a revision of the statement in the Discipline on organization of the Five Years Meeting to make it correspond to the present status, accompanied by such changes as seemed desirable.

The resulting draft, presented without reading, was referred by the Meeting to the Business Committee for consideration and report.

RELATIONS WITH PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING

(2) The following statement was read regarding our relations with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Arch Street) and the matter was referred to the Executive Committee as recommended:

As stated in the published report of the Executive Committee, the latter extended an invitation to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting at Arch Street to join the Five Years Meeting. The official reply which came to the Executive Committee on October 15, 1940, was gracious and cooperative in spirit, expressing a desire for establishing a closer bond of fellowship between the two bodies. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting felt, however, that "the right relationship is fraternity rather than organic union." While declining the invitation to membership, the Yearly Meeting appointed fraternal delegates to the Five Years Meeting, for a term of five years, charging them with the responsibility of seeking ways to develop and promote cooperation and fellowship during the interval between our sessions. We welcome this overture of closer association, and recommend that the Executive Committee be encouraged to seek ways of enriching our mutual relationships.

Handling of Funds By the Trustees

(3) By formal vote of the Meeting, the resolution with which the following statement concludes was adopted:

The following resolution was presented in April, 1939, from the Board on Education: "That the attention of the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting be directed to the question whether provision should be made for the expense involved in administering the funds of this and the other Boards of the Five Years Meeting, and what, if any, assurance should be given to the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting as to their personal liability for the handling of these funds." To investigate and report on this subject, a committee was appointed consisting of William C. Dennis, a member of the Board of Education, Jesse O. Parshall, our auditor, and Louis B. Campbell, a trustee of the Five Years Meeting.

This committee made a thoroughgoing report to the Executive Committee in session on October 15, proposing a modification of the action taken by the Five Years Meeting in 1927. This provides, among other things, "that all annuity, trust and endowment funds given for the use of any board or committee of the Five Years Meeting shall be under the management and control of the trustees of the Five Years Meeting, and said trustees shall name as Treasurer a responsible trust company, properly incorporated, which company shall advise with the trustees in the investment of all such funds." (See Minute 112.) It proposed the following resolution, which was heartily approved:

RESOLVED, that all annuity, trust and endowment funds given for the use of any board or committee of the Five Years Meeting shall be under the management and control of the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting. Said Trustees shall name a Treasurer who shall be bonded in the sum of $10,000 or such larger amount as may be determined by the Trustees, and who shall invest such funds with the approval of an investment committee composed of at least three members of the Board of Trustees, of which the Treasurer shall be a member. The Trustees shall have authority to invest the funds in first mortgage loans or other securities which they may deem secure

and profitable in accordance with their best judgment. They shall report annually to the Executive Committee showing the exact nature, amount and status of all investments which have been made and all funds which have come into their hands and setting forth the investment policies of the Trustees. They shall not be restricted to securities qualified for trust investments under the Indiana law. The Trustees shall be liable only for lack of due care under the circumstances or bad faith in the handling of the funds. The Treasurer shall receive such compensation as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

(4) The Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America will be held at Atlantic City, December 10 to 13. The Executive Committee recommends that the following be named to represent the Five Years Meeting on that occasion and to be members of the Federal Council during the ensuing biennium: Walter C. Woodward, Thomas W. Y. Clark, Elizabeth L. Hazard and James A. Coney, with Errol T. Elliott, Lyra T. Wolkins and Jesse A. Stanfield as alternates.

These nominations were approved and the Friends appointed to that service.

(5) At its meeting immediately prior to these sessions, the Executive Committee considered favorably the proposal for a new and more adequate Central Office building, provided that a few large contributions therefor may be had from interested Friends. If the Five Years Meeting looks with favor upon the proposal we recommend that the matter of further developments be left with the Executive Committee.

As proposed, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

32. Communications from four Yearly Meetings were read at this time as follows:

FROM NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING

To the Five Years Meeting of Friends:

A communication from the Yearly Meeting Ministerial Associations was presented to the effect that North Carolina Yearly Meeting ask the Five Years Meeting to consider some plan whereby the methods of recording ministers be uniform in all Yearly Meetings.

After varied views were offered it was decided to transmit such a request.

(Taken from the Minutes of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held Eighth Month 6 to 10, 1940.)

SAMUEL L. HAWORTH, *Clerk.*

FROM WILMINGTON YEARLY MEETING

To the Five Years Meeting of Friends:

The following minute was approved by Wilmington Yearly Meeting of Friends: "The committee appointed to consider the adoption of the query suggested by Miami Quarterly Meeting made their report; acceptance was given the report. Query: 'Are you endeavoring to make your home a place of friendliness, refreshment, and peace, where God becomes more real to those who dwell there and to those who visit it?' The Committee united in recommending its adoption by the Yearly Meeting, and in proposing that, should the Yearly Meeting concur in this recommendation and adopt the query, the same be forwarded to the Five Years Meeting in 1940, for its consideration and, if favorable, to take the proper course to record it with the queries in the Uniform Discipline."

Eighth Month 16, 1940. HOWARD MCKAY, *Clerk.*

FROM WESTERN YEARLY MEETING

To the Five Years Meeting of Friends:

Western Yearly Meeting, in its sessions held August 20-25, 1940, approved an action of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and directed the Clerk to forward the same to the Five Years Meeting.

"Western Yearly Meeting requests the Five Years Meeting to make the following changes in the Uniform Discipline:

(1) That the functions of the Pastoral Committee and Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight be united in one

body to be known as the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; and,

(2) Consequently, that the term 'Pastoral Committee' be eliminated.

(3) That the Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight shall consist of ministers, elders, and overseers. Additional members may be named by the Monthly Meeting to serve in an advisory capacity.

(4) That the Five Years Meeting change the wording throughout the Discipline to conform with this provision."

ALBERT L. COPELAND, *Clerk.*

FROM IOWA YEARLY MEETING

(Excerpt from the Minutes of Iowa Yearly Meeting for 1938, page 10).

"It seems quite clear that that part of the Discipline that has to do with methods and practice of Friends fails to give adequate guidance and direction to meetings where pastors are employed; therefore we ask for a revision of the Uniform Discipline with the needs that grow out of this situation. (A request from Springdale Quarterly Meeting).

"The Yearly Meeting approved the recommendation and directed that it be forwarded to the Five Years Meeting for consideration."

CORA M. MATTISON, *Recording Clerk.*

These suggestions and proposals were referred to the Business Committee.

PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF THE DISCIPLINE

33. Inasmuch as the foregoing communications involve disciplinary changes, the following recommendation by the Executive Committee was at this time submitted by the Secretary:

From many parts of the Five Years Meeting have come expressions of a desire for a considerable revision of the Uniform Discipline to make it comply more nearly to present-day needs. In response to such expression, the Executive Committee asked a small committee to gather up suggestions that had come from various Yearly Meetings and to draw up a tentative draft of

revision. Believing that it has proceeded in harmony with the disciplinary provision for constitutional change, the Executive Committee recommends that this draft be referred to the Business Committee for its consideration with this suggestion: If it approves in principle of the steps thus far taken, that it recommend to the Five Years Meeting some procedure whereby, after further consideration by a designated committee or group, a perfected draft may be submitted to the constituent Yearly Meetings for action; and which, after having been approved by four-fifths of our member Yearly Meetings, may be promulgated as adopted by the Five Years Meeting.

The recommendation was approved and the question was referred to the Business Committee accordingly.

34. Walter C. Woodward brought to the Meeting the report of the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting, E. G. Crawford. This report has been duly audited. The Meeting approved and adopted the report, which appears in detail herewith:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

The following statements have been prepared, showing the accounts of the Five Years Meeting for the period from March 31, 1935 to March 31, 1940, and are attached hereto as designated.

Exhibit A—Combined General Balance Sheet of the Five Years Meeting and its Boards as of March 31, 1940.

Exhibit B—Consolidated Summary of Income and Expenditures for the period from March 31, 1935 to March 31, 1940.

These statements have been prepared from the books kept in the Central Office or by Board treasurers after having been audited by the Auditor of the Five Years Meeting. It has seemed probable that detailed statements of the operations of each Board for the five-year period would be too voluminous to be included in this report, but if further information is desired, it can readily be obtained from annual reports on file at the offices or from the Central Office bookkeeper.

E. G. CRAWFORD, *Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT "A"

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET
of the
FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS AND ITS BOARDS
as of March 31, 1940

ASSETS

CASH:			
Checking Accounts:			
Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting	$2,737.24		
A. F. Board of Missions—Gen.	4,792.53		
A. F. Board of Missions—Spec.	2,696.74		
Friends Bk. & Sup. House, $12,865.67 Less Deficit—Am. Friend 1,745.49	11,120.18		
Board on Christian Education	1,122.38		
Peace Association of Friends	410.86		
Board on Prohibition & Public Morals	74.03		
Board of Education	57.01	$23,010.97	
Savings Accounts		2,887.72	
Petty Cash held in offices		99.22	
Undistributed Income from Endowments		746.86	$26,744.77
LOANS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE:			
Held by Publication Board			4,032.35
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:			
Sales on Acct. and Unpaid Subscriptions		$ 6,001.04	
Unpaid Yearly Meeting Assessments		359.36	6,360.40
INVENTORIES:			
Publication Board, Books and Supplies			1,805.72
INVESTED FUNDS:			
Mortgage Loans		$66,544.68	
Insurance Contracts		1,660.00	
Real Estate		3,000.00	
Real Estate Contracts		1,408.00	
U. S. Government Bonds		8,400.00	
Other Bonds and Stocks		4,801.00	
Savings Accounts		5,095.00	
Uninvested Cash		4,031.52	94,940.20
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES: Net			407.56
REAL ESTATE:			
Central Office Building, Book Value			10,000.00
OTHER ASSETS:			
Palestine Building (Mission Board)			6,000.00
Total Assets			$150,291.00

LIABILITIES

LOANS AND NOTES PAYABLE:		
United Promotion and Coop. to Publication Bd.	$ 4,032.35	
Bd. on Prohibition & Public Morals to Individual	15.00	
		$ 4,047.35
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:		
For Current Purchases	$ 2,008.27	
Other	1,644.43	
		3,652.70
PREPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS: American Friend		2,161.94
ENDOWMENTS AND ANNUITIES:		
Mission Board General Investment Account	$19,827.21	
Mission Board Endowment Account	20,425.82	
Mission Board Annuity Account	39,327.88	
Mission Board Insurance Reserve	1,525.04	
Board of Education Endowment Account	8,289.25	
Publication Board Endowment Account	545.00	
Women's Missionary Union Endowment Account	2,000.00	
Isaac T. Johnson Memorial Fund	3,000.00	
		94,940.20
UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME:		
Board of Education Endowment Account		746.86
FUND BALANCES: (Payable in Cash)		
Mission Board Special Funds	$ 3,539.53	
Misison Board, Sundry Reserves, etc	165.64	
Five Years Meeting Emergency	981.34	
Fund for Aged Ministers and Missionaries	354.16	
Central Office Building Fund	1,126.50	
Reserve for Five Years Meeting, 1940	1,885.41	
		8,052.58
OTHER LIABILITIES:		
Mission Board Special Agreement		6,000.00
Total Liabilities		$119,601.63
NET WORTH:		
Equity in Central Office Building	$10,000.00	
Five Years Meeting General Fund	3,384.71	
American Friends Board of Missions	4,666.11	
Publication Board—Book and Supply House	21,245.35	
Board on Christian Education	1,122.38	
Peace Association of Friends in America	410.86	
Board on Prohibition and Public Morals	59.03*	
Board of Education	57.01	
	$40,945.45	
Less Deficits:		
Coop. Acct. of Five Yrs. Mtg. $2,580.59		
United Promotion of Five Yrs. Mtg. 4,032.35		
Publication Bd.—American Friend 3,643.14	10,256.08	30,689.37
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		$150,291.00

*Does not include balance of $94.97 in closed bank in Washington, D. C., on which a distribution of $17.59 was received during the past year.

EXHIBIT "B"

CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITUR

RECEIPTS	Five Years Meeting	Board of Missions	Pub. Board Book and Sup. House	Pub. Boa America Friend
Yearly Meeting Assessments	$20,875.49			
United Budget Distributions	32,640.81	$114,714.81		
Direct Contributions		56,015.85		$ 71
Interest Received	44.93	9,051.35	$ 90.54	18
Sales, Subscriptions, etc.			126,915.85	27,141
Miscellaneous Income	265.20	876.70		
Borrowed Money	470.00			
Rents from Central Office	7,509.50			
Contributions toward expenses of Five Yrs. Meeting (1935)	924.00			
Approp. from Coop. Fund				
Bequests	5,000.00	100.00		
Transfers				
Total Receipts	$67,729.93	$180,758.71	$127,006.39	$27,231.
EXPENDITURES				
Support of Work on Fields		$135,807.64		
Support of Aged Min. & Miss.	$10,300.00			
Administrative Expense	18,300.18	20,632.09	$ 26,644.66	$16,057.
Promotional Expense	16,823.70	11,718.44		
Emergency Expense	1,018.00	7,919.18		
Interest Paid	895.00	52.92		
Central Bldg. Maintenance	6,770.60			
Five Years Meeting Expense	1,392.09			
Reserve Fund set aside	2,000.00	1,500.00		
Cost of Sales and Publications			85,019.60	22,094.
Paid on Notes and Loans	4,477.10			
Appropriations	1,587.50	1,202.00		
Miscellaneous Expense				
Pension Fund for Missionaries		5,228.29		
Conference and Conv. Costs				
Transfers				
Total Expenditures	$63,564.17	$184,060.56	$111,664.26	$38,151.
Net Revenue or Loss	+4,165.76	−3,301.85	+15,342.13*	−10,919.

*Decreased by transfer of $8,060.80 from the Book and Supply House to T American Friend.
†Board discontinued.

EXHIBIT "B" (Continued)

FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 31, 1935 TO MARCH 31, 1940

oard on hristian ducation	Peace Association	Board on Prohibition and Pub. Mor.	Board of Education	Board of† Young Friends	Board on† Religious Education	Total
						$ 20,875.49
221.81	$1,750.39	$1,299.58	$726.46	$1,859.99	$728.39	$157,942.24
41.97		44.61		1,311.71		57,485.14
			12.90			9,218.38
	1,918.83	68.76		218.43		156,263.77
46.62	27.20	17.59	10.00	269.05		1,512.36
		15.00				485.00
						7,509.50
						924.00
				400.00		400.00
						5,100.00
205.87‡						205.87
516.27	$3,696.42	$1,445.54	$749.36	$4,059.18	$728.39	$417,921.75
						$135,807.64
						10,300.00
617.42	$ 356.65	$ 482.96	$660.07	$3,269.55	$267.98	89,288.71
161.20		847.44	14.85			89,288.71
16.75						8,953.93
						947.92
						6,770.60
						1,392.09
						3,500.00
	3,317.60	178.95		126.85		110,737.00
				50.00		4,527.10
308.00		24.02	230.00		270.00	3,597.50
18.27		24.02		586.43		628.72
						5,228.29
272.25				58.50		330.75
					205.87‡	205.87
393.89	$3,674.25	$1,560.37	$904.92	$4,091.33	$743.85	$411,808.75
122.38	+22.17	−114.83	−155.56	−32.15	−15.46	+6,113.00

‡This represents the bank balance of the Board on Religious Education which was transferred to the Board on Christian Education at the time the former Board was discontinued.

35. The Trustees of the Five Years Meeting submitted the following report, which the Meeting accepted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

Since our last report, the Board of Trustees, in cooperation with the Dickinson Trust Company, Treasurer, have invested and re-invested funds of the American Friends Board of Missions, delivered to us as trustees, both for the endowment and annuitant account, distributing the income for the benefit of funds to which same belong.

The accounts of the trustees in the matter of investments are audited each year by the accountant, and the report of the Auditor for the current period will show the amount in these funds.

There have been deposited with us certain funds by the Board of Education pursuant to minutes of the Five Years Meeting recorded on page 151 of the 1927 proceedings.

These funds consist of government bonds and a miscellaneous list of securities of unknown value.

The trustees accept the Government bonds with full responsibility, but the miscellaneous group of securities is accepted without responsibility other than for safe keeping. This latter list we will endeavor to convert into cash, when opportunity affords.

We are glad to report that the remaining indebtedness of $2000 on the Central Office Building has been paid through a gift for that purpose.

Alonzo M. Gardner, who has served this Board as a member long and well, has submitted his resignation due to declining health. William C. Dennis has been elected by the Board as his successor.

The vacancy left by the death of Isaac T. Johnson, who also served this Board faithfully and well, has not been filled, and we refer the matter to your attention.

Minute No. 5, page 75, in the proceedings of the 1935 session would appear to be slightly in error in recording the names of the trustees. Those whose term will expire in 1945 are

E. Harrison Scott, Richmond, and J. Rufus Hinshaw, New Castle, Indiana; and Burritt M. Hiatt, Wilmington, Ohio. It would seem proper that the following be re-appointed or successors chosen at this time: Charles A. Reeve, William C. Dennis, Louis B. Campbell, and a successor for Isaac T. Johnson.

Nathan Binford was succeeded as a trustee by Benjamin N. Johnson, who later resigned, and was succeeded by Louis B. Campbell.

J. R. HINSHAW, *Chairman.*
E. H. SCOTT, *Secretary.*

36. The Committee on Organization was directed to attend to the duty of presenting names for new Trustees to serve the Five Years Meeting for a term of ten years.

37. Clarence E. Pickett explained the situation regarding conscientious objectors. A joint meeting yesterday of the American Friends Service Committee and concerned Friends had considered the subject with care. How far shall Friends assume the responsibility for meeting the expense involved in caring for their conscientious objector members? Or shall help from the government be accepted? Projects of "national importance" will cost about $25 per month for each young man concerned.

Harold Evans added the explanation that this refers only to young men who do not feel that they can accept alternative civilian service under Government expense and direction.

Earnest discussion of the subject was entered into by Fred E. Winslow, Rufus M. Jones, Sylvester Jones, M. Elsie McCoy, Fredric E. Carter, Murray S. Kenworthy, Richard R. Newby, Aaron McKinney, G. Raymond Booth, W. Glenn Roberts, Errol T. Elliott, Caspar W. Hanson, and Charles W. Palmer.

38. Rufus M. Jones suggested the preparation by the Business Committee of a letter to go to every Monthly Meeting, explaining the situation and urging their cooperation and financial support. This met with approval and the preparation of such a letter was referred to the Business Committee.

39. The Iowa delegation named Roscoe C. Coffin as its representative on the Business Committee, to take the place left vacant by the resignation of Edgar H. Stranahan, as directed in Minute 18. The California delegation reported the appointment of W. O. Mendenhall as its Chairman.

40. The records of this session were read to the Meeting, and after certain corrections had been made, they were accepted in the form in which they appear above.

Adjourned in business session until tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
7:30 p. m.

41. The evening session was devoted to the subject of Friends and the World Council of Churches. Margaret T. Carey presided and the address was given by Elbert Russell on "Friends and the Movement for Christian Unity."

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
9:45 a. m.

42. In silent waiting the Meeting gathered for worship and business. Richard R. Newby voiced the joint petition of the assembly.

43. The Business Committee, represented by its chairman, Rufus M. Jones, brought before the Meeting these proposals:

(1) Recommended procedure for revision of Uniform Discipline, and personnel of Committee to have the matter in hand. (See Minute 33.)

The Business Committee recommends that Milo S. Hinckle, Nellie H. Markle, Percy M. Thomas, Hadley Kelsey and Sylvester Jones be appointed as a committee to undertake the revision of the Uniform Discipline and to make a draft thereof. The committee shall consult and advise with an advisory group composed of one member from each Yearly Meeting. Each member shall act as an adviser and correspondent for his own Yearly Meeting. One member of the advisory group shall be appointed by each Yearly Meeting delegation and the name shall be filed with the Presiding Clerk prior to adjournment.

When the committee has completed the proposed draft, copies thereof shall be forwarded to the correspondent and adviser in each Yearly Meeting who shall confer with interested persons, groups and meetings in the Yearly Meeting. Any criticism or suggested changes may be submitted to the committee.

After the committee and advisory group have agreed upon a proposed draft, they shall submit the same to the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting for consideration and approval. When the Executive Committee is satisfied with, and has approved the final draft of the proposed revision, copies thereof shall be sent to all Yearly Meetings of the Five Years Meeting for their approval.

When four-fifths of the Yearly Meetings have approved and adopted the proposed revision of the Uniform Discipline, the same shall be adopted by this body and thereafter constitute the Discipline of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America.

These nominations and recommendations were adopted. The Meeting instructed the Yearly Meeting delegations to name their respective representatives to serve on the Advisory Committee.

(2) The Business Committee recommends that the communications from North Carolina, Iowa, Wilmington and Western Yearly Meetings concerning changes in the Uniform Discipline (Minute 32) be referred to the Committee heretofore appointed to revise the Discipline.

This reference was approved.

(3) The Business Committee made the following statement on the administration of the pool for the payment of travelling expenses of delegates to the Five Years Meeting:

Expenses are to be figured on a maximum basis of 2½c per mile, said rate to include rooms and meals en route. If expenses incurred are less than an amount thus figured, only the actual expenses should be reported. It should be kept in mind that the Yearly Meetings themselves bear this expense, the Five Years Meeting acting only as the clearing house and administrator of the pool. The pool does not include living expenses in Richmond during the sessions. It is optional with Yearly Meetings whether they pay the Richmond living expenses of their delegates.

This statement was accepted with approval.

44. The letter presented outlining a plan for care and financial support of conscientious objectors who are members of our meetings (Minute 38) brought forth questions and general discussion in which these Friends participated: Errol T. Elliott, Theodore Foxworthy, William C. Dennis, Raymond Binford, W. Bruce Hadley, L. Willard Reynolds, John Compton, Fredric E. Carter, Norman E. Young, E. H. Stranahan, Jesse A. Stanfield, Homer J. Coppock, Walter H. Wilson, John S. C. Harvey, Clarence E. Pickett, Anna Cox Brinton, Guy W. Solt.

William C. Dennis suggested adding a clause to make it very clear that there is meant only conscientious objectors who feel that they cannot take alternative service under the Government. The Business Committee was directed to clarify this point before the letter is sent out. On information from Clarence E. Pickett that the Government plan is not yet completed, the Business Committee was asked to wait a brief time for full information.

45. The fraternal attendance on behalf of the Illinois Methodist Conference of Rev. Frank D. Campbell of the Wider Quaker Fellowship, and his wife, Ada Campbell, is sincerely appreciated. The Clerks were directed to send a letter to the Illinois Methodist Conference assuring them of our continued Friendly fellowship.

46. This telegram of greeting from Banes Monthly Meeting, Cuba, has been read: "Deeply concerned success Five Years Meeting. We send our greetings."

47. The Business Committee was directed to prepare letters of response to our Friends of Banes Monthly Meeting, Cuba, and similar letters to the Meeting for Sufferings of London Yearly Meeting and to Dublin Yearly Meeting, from whom greetings were received at our opening session.

48. The question that next claimed the attention of the Meeting was that of membership in the World Council of Churches, which was introduced by Elbert Russell, Chairman of the Ecumencial Commission of

the Five Years Meeting. The following statement of acceptance was proposed by the Executive Committee:

> The Five Years Meeting accepted the invitation to join the World Council of Churches with the understanding that the basis of membership as given in Article I is an affirmation of Christian faith rather than the formulation of a creed.

Discussion of the statement ensued and was participated in by Rufus M. Jones, A. Ward Applegate, George H. Wood, Raymond E. Mendenhall, Richard R. Newby, Alvin T. Coate, Lindley D. Clark, Theodore Foxworthy, R. Ernest Lamb, Margaret T. Carey, W. O. Mendenhall, Errol T. Elliott, William C. Dennis, John Compton. General concurrence was expressed in joining the World Council of Churches.

49. The Five Years Meeting approved the proposal that we become a member of the World Council of Churches. The formulation of a letter of acceptance was referred to the Business Committee.

50. Through the American Friends Board of Missions, with the approval of Iowa Yearly Meeting, Friends in Jamaica have requested the establishment of a Yearly Meeting in that island. The Business Committee was directed to consider the proposal and to present its conclusions to a later session.

51. The Friends World Committee for Consultation reported as follows, Anna Griscom Elkinton, Vice-Chairman of the American Section, reading the report and adding interesting items of information:

REPORT OF FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

The Friends World Committee for Consultation held its second meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, in August, 1939. Eleven nations were represented at the meeting. There are now thirty-four Yearly Meetings and ten General Meetings and other groups of Friends represented on the Committee. All but twelve of the Yearly Meetings and groups throughout the world have responded with appointments. This is a real demonstration of world cooperation and fellowship in the Society of Friends.

In September, Carl Heath, the Chairman of the Committee, conscious of the fact that Friends were facing a world crisis which had not developed into actual war engulfing a number of the neutral countries, encouraged Friends to aim in prayer and in affection to keep intact our world fellowship right through the days of violence. We are called to remember that we have come into a life that not alone takes away the occasion of war, but also has knowledge of the path of healing. He reminds us, "It is not too soon to work for the new order of God in a devastating world. Friends will serve where the suffering is, but they have a deeper duty to prepare to take a living part in thinking out and building up the future."

One of the methods of keeping intact our world fellowship is through conferences. This year the international situation will not permit the European Section to arrange a conference for European Meetings. Friends in Shanghai, China, hope a regional conference of Friends in the Far East can be held in 1941. Friends in India met for a two-day gathering in December, 1939. The American Section is planning for an All American Friends Conference in September, 1943, which will probably be held at Richmond, Indiana.

(The American Section of the World Committee held successful sessions in Richmond, Indiana, October 14 to 16, immediately prior to the sessions of the Five Years Meeting.)

Another method of keeping intact our world fellowship right through the days of violence is found in our publications, which help us to know one another. Last year 5,000 calendars of

Yearly Meetings were distributed. A second issue of the *News Bulletin* is now being circulated, and also a third. The second issue contains a report of the second meeting of the World Committee, a message from the Ninth European Conference, news items from twenty Meetings in the American Section and from ten Meetings in the European Section. This bulletin will be published twice a year and the Handbook will be available the latter part of 1940, if conditions permit. The possibility of an international Quaker journal is being explored.

The new World Council of Churches and the relation of the Society of Friends to it has been carefully studied. A report describing the action taken by various Yearly Meetings in response to an invitation to adhere to the World Council of Churches has been prepared by the World Committee and sent to Yearly Meeting Clerks. The Committee feels that this means of circulating information of Friends throughout the world is a special function of the World Committee.

The Committee has been concerned with the large number of persons throughout the world who desire to be in touch with the Friends' way of life. We have considered how the Wider Quaker Fellowship might be extended internationally. Germany Yearly Meeting is preparing a list of people who are sympathetic with the Quaker point of view but who do not desire membership. Other Yearly Meetings are encouraged to do the same.

The present world conditions make it all the more important that we keep in touch with each other. A letter was sent to all members of the European Section expressing our conviction that the Friends World Committee has been prepared for just such a time as this. When the world has been breaking up into narrow nationalistic groups on the basis of race or nationality, we must assist our fellow members throughout the world to hold aloft lights which cannot be dimmed. We must keep alive a faith in God and man which cannot be shaken though the earth tremble!

J. Hoge Ricks, *Chairman.*

52. Irene Pickard brought welcome greetings from Friends in Geneva and in London.

Adjourned until this afternoon.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
2:00 p. m.

Convened according to adjournment.

53. After devotional silence, the Meeting turned at once to consideration of the missionary field. All those in attendance who have at some time served at home or abroad or are now engaged in active missionary service were seated facing the Meeting, an inspiring company of faithful workers.

54. Howard W. Cope, Chairman of the American Friends Board of Missions, presented the formal report, calling attention to the salient points.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS BOARD OF MISSIONS

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

At this time when the question of war and peace is uppermost in the minds of the whole world, it is appropriate that we remind ourselves of the two greatest forces for world peace which are constantly operating throughout the world. One is the State Department and Consular Service of governments which through their respective representatives seek to iron out the difficulties and problems which may lead to conflict. The other force is that of the Christian Church through the representatives which it maintains in practically all non-Christian lands of the world. These representatives, or missionaries as we sometimes call them, are constantly seeking to establish the way of love and peace in the relationships between individuals and groups. In such times as these we realize that these representatives could well afford to give more thought and efficient service to the establishment of this way of love and peace and perhaps less to their efforts to establish forms and ritual which may or may not have any bearing on the more important relationship of a peaceful society.

Our American State Department had (August, 1940) 1919 representatives in foreign countries. The Christian churches

in North America had, in 1938, 11,299 representatives with an annual expenditure of about $17,000,000. These two groups are the most effective constant forces for peaceful relationship throughout the world.

However, the belligerent activities of the so-called Christian nations both during the last world war as well as during the present one, are destroying the effectiveness of the work of these 11,000 representatives of the Christian Church. On the one hand we, as a Christian church, are preaching the gospel of love, while on the other hand we, as a so-called Christian nation, frequently practice the way of hate and force.

Organization of the Board

At the time of the reorganization of the Board at its annual session in April, 1940, preceding the session of the Five Years Meeting, the following officers and members of the Executive Committee were appointed:

Chairman ..... Howard W. Cope
Vice-Chairman ..... W. Bruce Hadley
Treasurer ..... Louis B. Campbell
Administrative Secretary ..... Merle L. Davis
Educational Secretary ..... Dorothy Heironimus
Office Secretary ..... Martha K. Tubesing

Executive Committee

Nathan D. Andrews	*Albert L. Copeland
*A. Ward Applegate	*Inez Napier
*Sylvester Jones	Richard R. Newby
Thomas W. Y. Clark	*Virginia Peelle
*Murray S. Kenworthy	*Charles M. Woodman

Ex-Officio

Howard W. Cope, *Chairman*	*Dorothy Heironimus
*Louis B. Campbell	*W. Bruce Hadley
	*Merle L. Davis

(*Acting Committee)

The office of Educational Secretary was added by the annual meeting of the Board in 1938, to which position Dorothy

Heironimus was appointed and began to serve on October 1 of that year. The need for this was readily realized by those in contact with the literature of the Board. Previously four secretaries were employed in the Mission Board office, and the two who had been serving for the three years before 1938, during the worst time of the depression, realized that it was impossible for them to do as much work as four had been doing previously. It had been impossible for them to keep the churches informed by means of up-to-date literature during those leanest years of the depression.

Educational Work

This past year a new step has been taken in the educational work of the Board. Previously no attempt had been made to concentrate the studies of our churches throughout America. Each Yearly Meeting and each local meeting chose its own particular studies. In many cases the studies chosen depended upon the interest of a few local people. Because of these conditions the office of the Board was consulted for many different details of information desired by individual groups. There was no organized plan of study. Under the new plan the Mission Board proposes to choose each year one of the seven fields to be emphasized by all the meetings and all the missionary societies. Because of the wide distribution of the material the Board can afford to prepare and publish information, pamphlets, and lesson plans on the field to be emphasized each year. This we believe will make far more effective our mission study material throughout the Five Years Meeting. No field will be neglected. The interest of Friends throughout the United States will be broadened because the study of all fields will come in their turn. And our members can be certain that the material has been brought up-to-date. The study for 1940-41 is Cuba. For 1941-42 it will be the Western Indians.

Visual Education Developed

Also during this period of five years, in keeping with the trends of the times, increased emphasis has been placed on visual education. During the early part of the five year period the bulky and heavy glass slides which had been in use for

many years were replaced by lightweight filmslides, which were far more compact. In 1937 we began the production of motion pictures for each of our fields. The first sets of pictures taken were about equally divided between colored and black and white. The natural color pictures so far exceed in quality the black and white films that we have concentrated on natural color films altogether since those first two sets were taken. With the completion of the Indian set this fall we now have complete sets of motion pictures of all of our seven fields.

Because of the difficulties of loaning a motion picture projector and the danger of having our original films unintentionally destroyed by someone not well acquainted with their use, the Board made a ruling that our motion picture equipment would not be loaned out but only taken out by the Secretary as he goes to the different meetings. The Executive Committee recommended that black and white copies be made of the original films, which copies might be loaned for a regularly set charge to any meeting which wished to use them. However, the calls for these copies have been so few that we have not felt it was advisable to go to the expense of making copies of the other films which have been taken.

In 1939 another new type of picture was inaugurated. The production of miniature cameras and colored 35mm films had developed so far and had proved to be of such value that we began taking this type of picture, which could be loaned out together with the projector to any meeting which might desire them. These are as beautiful and brilliant as the motion pictures.

Some Significant Trends

We can best understand the extension work of the Christian Church when we see its trends over a period of years. For a number of years the Department of Commerce of the United States Government has been collecting information as to institutional contributions to foreign countries. This includes Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and non-sectarian contributions to other countries. The following table gives a record, in millions of dollars, of the total contributions of Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and non-sectarian organizations and the contributions of Friends through the American Friends Board of Missions, in thousands of dollars, to work in other countries.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Year	FRIENDS (Thousands of Dollars)	TOTAL: PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC, JEWISH, NON-SECTARIAN (Millions of Dollars)
1919	67.7	140.0
1920	128.0	118.0
1921	143.9	106.0
1922	123.0	92.6
1923	86.9	83.7
1924	95.7	70.9
1925	106.0	65.1
1926	109.8	63.4
1927	85.6	60.5
1928	85.3	58.3
1929	88.4	54.7
1930	90.4	49.4
1931	79.8	44.8
1932	56.1	34.8
1933	39.7	29.6
1934	29.8	29.8
1935	27.0	26.7
1936	30.0	28.2
1937	33.5	33.0
1938	36.9	37.6
1939	47.6	43.0

The above table reveals some quite significant facts which help us to understand the trends of mission work today. It is interesting and significant to notice that the contributions of Friends have followed almost identically the same general curve made by the total contributions by the American people. This leads us to believe that the fluctuations of Friends' contributions are not due to conditions peculiar to the Society of Friends, but, being part of the American people, our thermometers rise and fall with the temperature of the people as a whole. The peak of giving came at the time of the Inter-Church World Movement which followed immediately upon the close of the war. From that point contributions of the American people steadily fell off until the lowest point was reached in 1935, approximately five years after the onset of the financial depression in this country. It is interesting to note that

the period of decline came during the period of greatest prosperity in the history of the United States. It cannot, therefore, be the result of financial poverty but probably is the result of the World War, out of which we saw an increased growth in nationalism and a period of moral decline. The fact that the upward trend since 1935 has been steady would indicate that it is a result of basic causes in the life of the American people.

Changes On the Fields

During the period of general decline in the contributions of the American people, including the Society of Friends, significant changes have taken place on the fields. Again the Society of Friends has shown the same significant changes as those shown by the Protestant churches as a whole.

	All Protestant Groups	Friends
American staff on field, decline	1.5%	14.3%
National or native staff, increase	35.4%	265.6%
Membership on field, increase	69.6%	245.9%
School pupils, increase	35.5%	1,550.0%

It is significant that during the period of decline in contributions from this country, church membership, school pupils, and the national staff on the fields increased rapidly. Some explanations might be given for this. During the period of the larger contributions it is evident that substantial ground work was done which has made possible this fruitage in the years of decline in contributions from this country. The withdrawal of contributions in America has forced the employment of a larger percentage of nationals whose salaries were paid from the field. This has been decidedly beneficial. The additional responsibility placed on the shoulders of leaders has had wholesome effect in building up both the churches and the schools in these areas. It will be noticed at once that in these significant changes, Friends' percentages, the decline of the American staff on the field, and the increase of the native staff, the membership on the field and pupils enrolled in the schools on the field, are far higher than those for all Protestant groups taken together. We have no explanation for this unless it is due to the fact that since we are relatively few in number the changes of a few people make an increasingly higher per-

centage because the base is small. We would like to think that our message and the ground work which we have done have been more effective.

Present Situations

While during this period of decline in contributions from America there have been significant increases on the fields, yet it is not certain what the results may be in the future. The effect of the present war on our work in British territory, especially in Kenya Colony and Palestine, is very uncertain. Should either of these territories be taken over by Germany or Italy, no doubt the official language of the country would be changed. It would be almost impossible for us to man our mission work where either the German or Italian language was required.

If our work in all countries is allowed to continue, we face the fact that our work in Africa is very seriously understaffed and that our present arrangements in Mexico, where we have no representatives at all, cannot be continued as they have been. We must find ways of increasing our staff in Africa and arranging for someone to go to Mexico each summer at least.

In Africa, Cuba, and Jamaica, we are facing the necessity of restaffing our work in the near future by younger people. In Kenya Colony, three of the families who have served many years will soon have reached the retirement age and will need to be replaced by younger people. In Cuba all three representatives have already reached the retirement age or are nearing it. In Jamaica, out of the great fluctuations in personnel in the '90's, four women missionaries went to the field, all of whom have served thirty-eight years or more apiece. Three of these have already retired and the other one will retire this year. Only three are on the field who belong to what might be called the younger or middle age group.

In the changes in the future on all of the fields, as the nationals are more fully prepared by education and experience, it is evident that they will assume increased responsibilities which will naturally lead to a reduction in the American staff, but as that reduction is made, for a period of several years at least, there will be increased need for intervisitation from

Friends of this country so as to give to our Friends of other countries the encouragement and broader points of view because of the differing personalities of those who visit them. This will increase our cost of transportation, but it will not be an unworthy use of the money but rather the most reasonable employment of funds for the development of the way of love among Friends of other countries. For the past four years we have experimented on this method of sending someone to a field by sending to Cuba each year a representative to attend the Young People's Conference and visit all of the principal Friends meetings there. It has proved highly successful. And as our American staff decreases elsewhere, a similar method should be extended to our other fields as well.

MERLE L. DAVIS, *Administrative Secretary.*

55. Amy J. Marvel, President of the Woman's Missionary Union of Friends in America, told of the accomplishments and plans of that body and described the recent triennial meeting held in Indianapolis from the 9th to the 13th of this month. The report of the Union follows:

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

Fifty years ago a group of Quaker women, with an enlarged vision of their responsibility to their brothers and sisters in different parts of the world, banded together from twelve Yearly Meetings, to form the Woman's Missionary Union of Friends in America. Two of the Yearly Meetings (Philadelphia and Ohio) have dropped out since that time, but Nebraska and Baltimore have joined. Canada is inactive at present, so we are really only eleven. But, as we have studied and worked together to carry Christ's light to dark places and help, with clothing and other comforts, those in need, we have found our own lives enriched.

A large part of our membership dues is turned over to the American Friends Board of Missions, but we have established four funds which are freewill offerings, and with these, we

help as follows: the Love Fund has supported Esther Baird in India for twenty-eight years of beautiful, helpful service. On account of age and impaired health, she is retired in this country, but her sweet spirit is a gracious testimony wherever she is.

The Faith Fund supported Alice Kennedy in Jamaica for nearly forty years. She, too, has retired from very active service, and Esther Wellons is carrying on our work in Jamaica at this time. It is a sacrificial service, for they are continually faced with those in great need of a change of heart and life. She is helping her husband, Harry Wellons, at the Clermont Home for boys and daily showing them a better way of life.

Our next adventure of faith was the Hope Fund which supported Fred McMillin for eight years until his retirement on account of ill health. In August, 1939, Franklin and Lillian Chant of Farmland, Indiana, went down to take up the work among the mountaineers of Tennessee, and are finding a place for service there, more especially at Rogers and Farrs Chapels and Chestnut Valley. Many opportunities for service present themselves, but the first year has been spent largely in remodeling the Mission Home and making it adequate for a family of three, and getting acquainted with the community.

The last Fund on our list was started since the death of our fine worker, Eliza Armstrong Cox, and commemorates the joyful service performed by her for so many years, and is well named the Joy Fund. On account of her interest in the Indians, it was thought best to invest it in the work in the field in Oklahoma. So, Westine Shufelt is our representative at present among the Seneca Tribe. She and her husband, Arthur, are deeply devoted to the work among the Indians at the Council House, and are wonderful leaders in the community, both in temporal and spiritual service.

Growing interest in the missionary work in the different Yearly Meetings developed a need for a magazine devoted to this service; so the *Missionary Advocate* was started in January, 1885, with Esther Tuttle Pritchard as the first editor. She gave six years of untiring service in this formative period of the Union. Eliza Armstrong Cox then accepted the position, and builded on the foundations already laid, and at the end of twenty-five years, her place was taken by Lenora N. Hobbs,

who has given twenty years of devoted, sacrificial service in promoting the cause and passing on information in such a helpful, acceptable way. When suitable arrangements can be made for successors to her and her faithful treasurer, Myra Jenkins, who has also served twenty years, they will enjoy a well-earned rest.

The literature department has been ably looked after by Agnes L. Day for more than fifteen years, who is also passing on the task to a successor.

Our Young Women's department, under Ardelle Cope, encourages the formation of young women's groups to study more of conditions in the world and ways to help Christian world fellowship. Also the Juniors are encouraged to learn of the children of different races, and Corona Rayle Cook has portrayed conditions and planned work for them for many years, and is most efficient.

As Friends, we have been slow in coming to a realization of our stewardship, but, under this department, we are giving more attention to the essentials of a good steward as exemplified in the New Testament, and accepting our responsibility and responding to it in a better way, though there is still room for improvement. Vivian S. Watson is directing this department.

No Quaker program of work would be complete without a peace department. Sina Hodgin Stanton has headed this section for a number of years; and, as she lives near Washington, has kept us in close touch with legislative affairs, and told us what we should do to help bring about a more peaceful world. Unfortunately our world influence is not very great, or we would never be in the mess we are in today.

Those who do the required reading of study books and fill out the honor roll leaflet are growing in numbers, which is encouraging; and we are becoming a better informed group of Friends. Harriet W. Purdy started this department, but Mamie Jenson of Iowa is now the leader. An increasing interest is being shown in some of the Yearly Meetings in the fact that "we are our brothers' keepers, not because we are stewards of each other, but because we are stewards of God."

As we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary year, in October, 9 to 13, at Indianapolis First Friends Meeting, we are review-

ing our beginnings and our achievements and hoping to arouse interest in the members of our Church to the great task which Christ has commissioned us as His followers to do. In honor of the fine women who were leaders in this work, and those who have helped to keep the lighted torch burning all these years, we are raising an Anniversary Fund which will be used in promoting the work on the field in a constructive way. We hope part of this can be used for home mission work and still have some for assisting a project on the foreign field. When we put our love into deeds, and make it real, we shall be widening and deepening the message of the gospel, and more women's lives will be blessed.

This is a brief outline of the work of the Woman's Missionary Union from the pioneering spirit of the founders to those who have carried the banner through these many years and are still finding joy in service.

AMY J. MARVEL, *President.*

56. Merle L. Davis, Administrative Secretary of the American Friends Board of Missions, was presented. In a few well-chosen words he outlined the work and its needs and read a letter to the Five Years Meeting just received from Dr. Ramon Morell Agramonte on behalf of Friends in Cuba. He then presented certain representative workers to speak for their respective fields.

57. Greetings were brought on behalf of the Tennessee mountain work by J. Edward Ransome; by Helen Kersey Ford from the Christian women in the Friends' field in British East Africa; by Jefferson W. Ford from the eight thousand members in the African fellowship of Friends, representing ten monthly meetings and three hundred congregations, with many more thousands within the fringes of influence, and with a reminder that there are some 130,000 yet unevangelized. Mexico sent a young man, Jerges Rodri-

guez, from the Victoria church, who spoke in clear and impressive English of his hopes and prayers for his people. Julia Conner brought Christian greetings from the Seneca Council House, Mary Pitts from the Osages, and James Stevens and James Downs on behalf of the Kickapoos, while Myra E. Frye gave her message most acceptably in song: "How do I know that Jesus is my Saviour?"

Jamaica was represented by Zephaniah Cunningham, pastor in Port Antonio. He brought us affectionate regards from our friends, Mary E. White, Alsina M. Andrews, Sada F. Stanley, and many others, thanking American Friends feelingly for all we have been enabled to do in that island, most especially for the saving message of Jesus Christ. Zephaniah Cunningham expressed his hope that this Meeting would favorably consider their request for a Yearly Meeting. Accompanying himself on the English concertina, our Friend sang sweetly a Negro spiritual, "He's the Lily of the Valley," with chorus, "Steal away to Jesus."

58. Merle L. Davis introduced as the speaker of the afternoon, Dr. Herbert Gezork, before the year 1935 a leader in Germany of the German Baptist Youth Movement, who is now teaching in Andover-Newton Theological Seminary and in Wellesley College. Dr. Gezork gave an inspiring and clear-cut analysis on "Youth Faces a New World." The Meeting was deeply stirred by his vivid picture of the situation in Germany, his call to a spiritual awakening on the part of American youth, to a renewed faith in God, to the bringing about of a classless society, the Kingdom of God on earth. Since he had to leave

immediately after he spoke, the Meeting directed the Clerks to express to Dr. Gezork its deep gratitude for his enlightening and constructive address.

59. From the Committee on Organization were presented the names of four Friends to serve the Meeting as Trustees. On motion of Rufus M. Jones, duly seconded, the Recording Clerk was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this Meeting for the Friends named. The vote was cast as directed:

"By unanimous vote the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America has elected Francis Maynard Harlan, William C. Dennis, Louis B. Campbell, and Isaac E. Woodard to serve as Trustees of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America for a period of ten years."

60. The minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions have been read at this time and are approved as they appear above.

Adjourned until this evening.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
7:30 p. m.

The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

61. A stirring presentation of the evangelistic message of the Society of Friends was given by James A. Coney, General Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England. Presiding helpfully and introducing the speaker was Harley M. Moore, General Superintendent of California Yearly Meeting. The Meeting was favored with beautiful spiritual messages in song by the male quartet of the First Friends Church, Richmond.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
9:45 a. m.

Friends met according to appointment.

62. The business of the morning session was the consideration of the topic assigned to Commission IV, "The Christian Alternative to Conflict." The subject was presented in the form of a panel discussion under direction of Homer L. Morris, Chairman, and was participated in by W. O. Mendenhall, E. Raymond Wilson, Lelia S. Marstaller, Kenneth E. Boulding, Lowell D. Cox, and the Chairman. After an intriguing hour and a half of question and reply on the philosophical and religious bases of the Quaker testimony, and the practical methods which may be undertaken to help bring about a Christian world, the panel presentation was closed in the spirit of words from Rufus M. Jones: "It is not wise to base our pacifist case wholly on the belief that 'there is that of God in every man.' We must face the further fact that a way of life has been brought us as we go back to the headwaters of our faith, exhibited in the life of a Supreme Person. We must continue in and develop that way of life which 'takes away the occasion of all wars.'"

63. A cablegram from Ram Allah Friends, Palestine, brought a cheering and reassuring word from our Friends there: "Spiritually united with you in prayer. Country quiet. Health good. Work prospering. Pray for our guidance." The Business Committee was asked to prepare a response from this Meeting.

64. The Meeting was happy to welcome the Clerk of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Damascus,

Ralph S. Coppock, and his wife, Judith Coppock, present with us in these sessions.

Edward Stratton and Clara Stratton, his wife, members of Ohio Yearly Meeting, held in Barnesville, have been greeted with Friendly welcome.

Our Friend, Levi T. Pennington, of Oregon Yearly Meeting, President of Pacific College, has been most acceptably in attendance at these sessions.

Malcolm R. Lovell, a member of New York Yearly Meeting of Friends (General Conference), an active worker in the cause of prohibition and public morals, has been introduced by Walter C. Woodward, and extended the freedom of the Meeting.

Bernard G. and Grace W. Waring and David S. Richie have joined the fraternal delegation from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Arch Street) and have been welcomed at this time.

Adjourned until 2 p. m. this afternoon.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
2:00 p. m.

The Meeting convened according to adjournment.

65. A letter of introduction for Edwin O. Moon of the Detroit Independent Meeting was read and he was welcomed to our sessions.

E. N. Hanson, Mary J. Hanson, his wife, and Berl Hanson, their son, were acceptably present from Greenleaf, Idaho, Oregon Yearly Meeting.

Professor Lawrence Shultz of Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana, a fraternal representative from the Church of the Brethren, and Clara Caris, a returned missionary from West China, formerly asso-

ciated with English Friends on the mission field, were with us at this time in friendly fellowship.

66. The invitation to join the World Council of Churches was accepted at the Friday morning session and the Business Committee was directed to prepare a letter of acceptance. This letter, prepared by the Business Committee and read to this Meeting, has been unanimously approved as follows:

The Five Years Meeting of Friends in America whole heartedly accepts the invitation to join the World Council of Churches. Our central interest in joining this world-wide cooperation of Christian churches is to affirm our absolute loyalty to Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church and to express the spirit of love, the power of truth, and the promotion of vital religion—a religion of life.

67. The Business Committee recommended that the request from Jamaica Friends received through the American Friends Board of Missions, and bearing the approval of Iowa Yearly Meeting (Minute 50), be granted and most cordial and appreciative agreement expressed. The formal minute, setting up the Jamaica Yearly Meeting of Friends, was approved as follows:

The request of the American Friends Board of Missions, which had been approved by Iowa Yearly Meeting, that the Five Years Meeting establish a Yearly Meeting in Jamaica was seriously and prayerfully considered. It appears that the meetings in Jamaica understand the significance of the establishment of a Yearly Meeting and are willing to accept the resulting responsibility.

No obstruction or objection to the establishing of such a Yearly Meeting being found, the Business Committee is unanimous in recommending that this request be granted and that a Yearly Meeting be established in Jamaica, such Yearly Meeting to be composed of the meetings in the Jamaica Conference

of Friends and to be known as "Jamaica Yearly Meeting of Friends."

In accordance with the Discipline it is recommended that the American Friends Board of Missions be requested to appoint a Friend or Friends for and on behalf of the Five Years Meeting to attend the opening of the Jamaica Yearly Meeting, April 15, 1941. Such Friend or Friends so appointed shall carry a minute from the Five Years Meeting authorizing and establishing the Jamaica Yearly Meeting of Friends and they shall inaugurate its sessions in accordance with the Discipline and with the organization of existing Yearly Meetings.

68. Messages to Dublin Yearly Meeting, to the Meeting for Sufferings of London Yearly Meeting, and to Banes Monthly Meeting, Cuba, have been prepared by the Business Committee and read to us. They have been approved each in turn and are directed sent to the respective bodies indicated.

To Dublin Yearly Meeting:

Your message brought us under a deep and loving concern for Dublin Yearly Meeting.

In this our eighth session of the Five Years Meeting we have met for the first time without representatives from Ireland. Our sense of loss in your absence we are regretfully accepting as a part of the sorrow and destruction incident to the actions of men who do not live in the love of Christ. We pray that you, with us, may at this time be able to demonstrate effectively the ways of constructive love and that you may be fully assured of our fellowship with you in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Meeting for Sufferings, London Yearly Meeting:

We have been deeply impressed and strengthened by the loving Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings in London, and again and again through our sessions our thoughts have turned to you with affection and tender regard. We have missed the usual large delegation from London Yearly Meeting, but we have much appreciated the attendance of Lady Ethel Unwin,

Grace Warren Sturge, Irene Pickard, and M. Teresa Sturge, who have taken a very helpful part in our gatherings.

You may be assured that our minds and hearts reach out to you in this time of suffering, and we know with you that love is the greatest thing in the universe.

Banes Monthly Meeting of Friends, Cuba:

We are grateful for your message. We recall with satisfaction the presence of one of your members, Dr. Tomayo, in our sessions five years ago.

The presence and messages of Friends from other lands are always a source of joy and encouragement. In these days of division and conflict we need to strengthen in every way the ties that bind us in Christian fellowship.

We are thankful for your life and influence in your community and for your work in social betterment. We pray that our Heavenly Father may bless you with the strength and wisdom for every experience and service.

69. A report on the Revised Statement of the Agencies and Boards of the Five Years Meeting, presented by the Executive Committee and referred to the Business Committee from the session on Thursday afternoon (Minute 31), was presented by that Committee. These proposed revisions having been read severally in our hearing were approved in turn, and were adopted. They are as follows:

REVISED STATEMENT—AGENCIES AND BOARDS OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING

SECTION 1—*Executive Committee*

Revise second paragraph to read:

It shall be constituted as follows: Presiding Clerk of the Five Years Meeting; one representative each from the Boards of Peace, Education, Public Morals and Publication; two representatives from the Board on Christian Education, one of whom shall represent the Department of Young Friends work; two representatives from the American Friends Board of Mis-

sions; one representative from each Yearly Meeting not represented in the foregoing; one representative from the American Friends Service Committee who is a member of the Five Years Meeting; the Chairman of the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting as a member ex-officio; and five members at large, to be appointed by the Five Years Meeting.

SECTIONS 3 AND 4—*Boards on Religious Education and Young Friends' Activities*

Substitute the following:

BOARD ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This Board shall be responsible for promoting the work of Christian Education in the Five Years Meeting, including the religious interests and activities of the young Friends. Its work shall be done through the five major divisions: Children's Work, Youth and Student Work, Christian Home Life, Adult Education, and Leadership Education, each of these under the leadership of a chairman. It shall nominate to the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting an editor for our Bible School publications, and shall have supervision of all Bible School literature.

Further responsibilities shall include: Cooperation with Yearly Meetings through appropriate yearly meeting committees and in rendering both personal and indirect service to the field; affiliation with inter-denominational agencies concerned with Christian education in all age groups; encouragement of a sense of initiative within local meetings for developing leadership and program for their Christian education work. At the request of other Boards, it may serve as a channel for their educational emphases.

This Board shall consist of two representatives from each Yearly Meeting, one to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board preceding Five Years Meeting, the other to be the person who is the head of Young Friends work within the Yearly Meeting. In addition there may be nine members at large appointed by the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting upon the nomination of the Board on Christian Education. With the exception of the Young Friends representative, appointments are for five years.

SECTION 5—*Board on Peace*

Revise to read:

Having adopted the Peace Association of Friends in America as the medium through which to do its Peace work, the Five Years Meeting shall appoint one member from each Yearly Meeting, nominated by the Yearly Meeting delegations, to constitute the Board of Peace. The Board may, at its discretion, appoint other Friends to assist in facilitating its program of work. It shall be the function of the Board to stimulate Peace sentiment among Friends and to promote generally the cause of good will and international friendliness.

SECTION 6—*Board on Education*

Revise to read:

The Board on Education shall expressly concern itself with the deeper problems of present-day education in the Five Years Meeting, particularly as it relates to our schools and colleges. It shall consist of one member from each Yearly Meeting, and other members at large, not to exceed nine, may be appointed by the Executive Committee, upon nomination by the Board of Education. The additional members are to be selected with a view to forming local committees to handle sub-divisions of the work assigned to the Board.

SECTION 7—*Finance Committee*

Substitute the following:

The Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting shall appoint a small sub-committee from its membership which shall be designated as the Finance Committee. Its function shall be to make a careful estimate of administrative expenses and recommend to the Executive Committee the Yearly Meeting assessments for the estimated amount on a per capita basis. Out of the amount thus received, expenses of holding the Five Years Meeting are met, and appropriations are made for the officials, committees and organizations to whom the Five Years Meeting is financially obligated.

SECTION 8—*Board on Prohibition and Public Morals*

Change name to Board on Public Morals.

SECTION 9—*Board on Publication*

Revise last paragraph to read:

For the purpose of promoting and coordinating the policies and efforts of the two Boards, the Business Council of the Publication Board and three members chosen by the Board on Christian Education shall constitute a Committee on Publications.

70. A suggestion was made by Edward W. Evans, Philadelphia, that the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting might consider the possibility of setting up a Five Years Meeting board or committee to give attention to the application of Christian principles to problems of the social order, and perhaps to cooperate in this field with other similar boards or committees within the Society of Friends. This was referred to the Executive Committee with our encouragement and approval.

71. The report of the Peace Association of Friends in America was introduced by Murray S. Kenworthy, Chairman. The Meeting accepted the formal report with appreciation of the work accomplished during the past five years.

REPORT OF PEACE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

The Peace Association was organized for this five-year period with Tom A. Sykes as chairman, Edward Thomas as vice-chairman and Sumner A. Mills as secretary. Early in 1938, Tom Sykes resigned as chairman and after consultation by correspondence, Murray S. Kenworthy was named chairman to fill the unexpired term.

Since it seemed impossible, for lack of funds for travel expenses, to get the Executive Committee together with proper frequency, it was arranged, by correspondence, that a central

committee be formed. The members of this committee live within one hundred miles of Richmond, Indiana. It includes the three members of the Association from Wilmington, Indiana, and Western Yearly Meetings, the chairmen of the Peace and Service Committees of those Yearly Meetings, the Editor of the *Messenger of Peace* and William E. Berry, a former chairman of the Association. This set up has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting. It has proved practical and the Five Years Meeting is asked to approve this form of organization for the Association.

Since there are a number of very efficient peace societies in the general field, the Association adopted the policy of working largely within the limits of the Five Years Meeting. It has, however, cooperated with some of these peace societies, the American Friends Service Committee, and the three historic peace churches, especially in recent months when the matter of peace and war has been so conspicuously before the country.

It has endeavored to keep in close touch with the chairmen of the Yearly Meeting Peace Committees, serving as a clearing house on peace methods and making suggestions as to lines of work. It secured lists of activities of actual practice from the Yearly Meeting chairmen, mimeographed these into one list and sent it back to the chairmen as a guide to a possible enlarged program of activity in their respective areas.

The Association has continued the publication of the *Messenger of Peace.* Since Walter C. Woodward, by his wise selection of material and able editorship, had made of the paper a publication of merit, he was asked to continue that service.

The last several months have brought occasions when it seemed necessary to act so promptly that it did not seem expedient to call, or even correspond with the central committee, so the chairman has, with the consent and advice of a few near-by members of the committee, proceeded to act in these cases of emergency. On one such occasion the chairman attended the Anti-war Mobilization Conference in Washington. More recently, Willard O. Trueblood was sent to Washington to work with peace representatives against the proposed conscription bill.

The chairman and other members of the Association and central committee have been active during the last several

months attending various types of peace meetings and conferences. Your chairman has spent, since the first of January last, sixty days away from his pastorate in various forms of peace service. The most important of these were: the Peace Workers' Work Camp at Pendle Hill in January; the National Study Conference of the Churches, in Philadelphia in February; the Anti-war Mobilization Conference in Washington in June; the All-Friends Conference at Earlham in July; the Young Friends Conference at Quaker Haven in July; and the Quaker Hill Work Camp in August. He also contributed a few articles to the *Messenger of Peace* and assisted in the preparation of the booklet, "To Fight or Not to Fight."

The Association sent letters of fellowship and encouragement to Friends in such conflict areas as Palestine, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, Germany and China.

Feeling the need for more adequate financial support, the Association asked for a larger percentage apportionment of the Five Years Meeting budget, which was granted by the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting.

We request the Five Years Meeting to take the necessary steps to so change the name of our organization that we may be known as the Peace Committee of the Five Years Meeting.

MURRAY S. KENWORTHY, *Chairman.*

72. The request of the Peace Association that the name be changed to Peace Board was referred to the Executive Committee for action.

73. The Peace Association presented a statement which it had prepared as a proposed declaration of peace principles. This declaration being heartily concurred in, the Five Years Meeting accepted and adopted it as a statement of its belief and concern.

DECLARATION OF PEACE PRINCIPLES

In this hour when war and the preparations for war are engaging the attention and the major energies of the great powers of the world, Friends of the Five Years Meeting reaffirm their faith in the life and teachings of Jesus as the

only guide to a solution for the world's ills, and reassert their belief that no emergency can release us from the way of love.

Long ago it was granted to the prophet Zechariah to see that the ultimate force in the universe is neither armies nor temporal power, but the Spirit of God. With the same vision, Jesus bade his followers sheathe the sword and love their enemies.

For thousands of years the rise and fall of kingdoms and empires have shown that they that take the sword perish with the sword, and there is ample reason for the expectation that this law will operate in the present struggles. War is essentially destructive. By its fruits it can be known; men do not gather grapes of thorns, figs of thistles, or peace and prosperity from devastation.

We call upon the Church of Jesus Christ to adhere to these principles as it did during the first three hundred years of its history. We call upon our nation and upon the nations of the world to adjust differences in the spirit of justice and good will toward all. We urge the Society of Friends, the historic peace churches, and all workers for peace, of whatever faith, to remain steadfast in the principles of love and good will which from the time of Christ have come down to us in a line unbroken by persecution and death. Let Christians make all sacrifices necessary to the accomplishment of this end.

We record our belief that our country should and can stay out of the wars now raging in the world. But keeping out of war is only the beginning of the responsibility of the United States. We should recognize the share of blame which belongs to us as a people for the present world situation, and should approach its solution in a spirit of humility and love. No country can be safe from the peril of war until the world is organized for peace and justice, or until men's hearts are right. To relieve the misery caused by militarism is not enough; it is imperative that there be created the will to peace, the conditions that foster peace, and the institutions that foster peace. This is the responsibility and opportunity of our country, both government and people.

We acknowledge with appreciation the recognition the government has given the conscientious objector and the provisions which have been made for his contributing to service of na-

tional importance under civilian direction. Nevertheless we deplore our country's resort to conscription. We believe it to be unChristian and contrary to the fundamental principles of democracy because it is a movement that regiments the lives and thoughts of men, limits freedom of conscience, restricts self-discipline, and weakens the initiative essential to progress. We protest this drift toward totalitarianism.

We greet with approval and deep sympathy all those of whatever Faith, who for conscience sake have entered their protest against conscription, preparation for war, and war. We pledge to them our encouragement and moral support as they meet the consequences of their action.

We pray that the time may come when the Pact of Paris shall become a reality and war be outlawed. We pray for the day when the world shall be so organized that all peoples can find the degree of freedom that is their right; can live in an economic order that makes available to all, the God-given resources of the world; can enjoy a social order in which race prejudice gives place to brotherhood.

Let every one examine his own heart to discover the strength of his allegiance to the Saviour of men, whose teachings and whose life point the way to the only durable peace.

74. Clarence E. Pickett presented the report of the American Friends Service Committee, urging Friends to feel that the Committee is representative of all Friends and not only of those on the eastern seaboard. The report dealt with the many phases of the work being carried on: for refugees, for aid to European war sufferers, for conscientious objectors, for constructive proposals for a future peace.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

In presenting a report of the American Friends Service Committee for the years 1935 to 1940, it is not possible to give adequate attention to all facets of the work of the Committee.

This report, therefore, will attempt only to emphasize certain features that are new or that show change. Written under the shadow of the European conflict, there is much that is baffling and tragic in the present work of the Committee. Many more appeals for help are received than there is any way of meeting, and this constant necessity for saying *no* searches the souls of those who say it. Our efforts to express the Quaker way of life are often faced with great difficulties as well as with great opportunities.

Our work abroad during the past five years has had four different emphases: the cultivation of our relation with the Quaker groups abroad through our international centers in France, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Denmark and Shanghai: immigration from Germany; relief; and the contacts abroad of travelling Friends. All four of these have been subject to the tragic events of the last three months, and it is difficult to predict what further changes may come.

Our International Centers

The international centers in Berlin and Vienna still continue to function with American personnel in charge throughout the most of this period. The interest in developing fellowship, cooperative living and worship has been enlarged to a much broader scope which included relief and emigration services to refugees. With the annexing of Austria to Germany new and acute problems were brought to the Center in Vienna. In 1937 special workers sent to aid refugees in Berlin secured from the Government the release of funds contributed by Mennonites to be used for child feeding in Czechoslovakia.

New officers or centers have been opened in Amsterdam, Copenhagen, and home. In 1937 the Geneva Hostel and center moved to more adequate quarters in the Palais Wilson. While many of the usual activities of the hostel are now curtailed by war there are still some resident students there, and a number of Red Cross workers are living at the hostel. Until communications can be re-established, it is not possible to say how much activity continues in Paris, Amsterdam, and Copenhagen. Reports show that months after the occupation of these cities the Friends' Centers in them were functioning. The Shanghai Center is open and active.

Emigration From Germany

Emigration from Germany was disminished but not stopped by the outbreak of the war. As one international boundary after another closed, emigration became more and more difficult, and with the entrance of Italy into the war, it was practically stopped. This does not mean, however, that the German refugee problem is over.

The threatened attack upon England has made it seem advisable to bring British children to America for the duration of the war. The Service Committee is one of the organizations cooperating with the United States Committee for the care of European Children.

Relief Becomes a Major Concern

Relief has increased from a minor activity to a major concern. It is impossible for more than a very small number of people to leave Germany now, but relief is still being carried on in Vienna. The Spanish War victims and refugees claimed the major attention during 1937, 1938, 1939. In 1937 the relief problem began with the feeding of 300 children and the opening of a clinic for refugee infants at Murcia. In 1938 six Americans were sent to administer relief and in cooperation with the Mennonites $100,000 was spent in feeding 20,000 children. Contributions of food stuff were received from the Governments of England, Brazil, Denmark, New Zealand, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland. These contributions were administered by the International Commission, of which an American Friend was the director. This relief reached one-half million children daily, and was administered impartially on both sides of the conflict. In 1939 assistance was given to some of the half million Spanish refugees scattered throughout France. By August 1, 1939, a total of $202,038 in cash and $723,619 in gifts in kind had been administered in Spanish relief. As a consequence a deep appreciation of the spiritual message of Friends is to be found among Spanish people.

Since the capitulation of France a staff of more than a dozen American workers has carried on a relief service in ten southern departments of unoccupied France, the prospects are that

there will be intense suffering from a shortage of food during the coming year.

Ministry of Visitation

The fourth contact abroad—that of travelling Friends—has become increasingly difficult and yet also increasingly important. In 1938 and 1939 the significance of visiting in the ministry was given a new and fresh impetus. The orbit of visitation was visualized to encompass any part of the world to which a Friend of suitable gifts and deep concern might feel called to go. A special fund made it possible for ambassadors-at-large to travel in the ministry to France, Germany, Scandinavia, South Africa, China, and Japan. Following the Day of Broken Glass in Germany three Friends went there as commissioners to discover and to meet the need for relief and to expedite emigration in various ways. Thus a succession of commissioners kept open the contacts with officials of present day Germany. The Geneva Fellowships have also made it possible for persons active in Friends' work to spend three months abroad in study and visitation of Friends' Centers. During 1939 seven people were sent abroad either for study or travel among Friends' groups. This spring two more went to Europe at the urgent request of English Friends to discuss mutual problems confronting British and American Friends. The total number who served in Europe under the Committee in 1939 was forty-one. At present the number serving abroad is eighteen. In addition, six are on the permanent staff in Cuba, and two in Mexico.

Changes in the European scene which have already come about and which are every day occurring lay upon the Committee the responsibility of continually rethinking its foreign service. Present European conditions favor a minimum staff of mature and experienced persons, highly trained in languages. The pattern of such foreign service is now very different from what it was twenty years ago, and we have not yet seen a way to utilize young people in this service in any numbers. Since large numbers of such young people have written of their interest in serving with us, it would seem to put upon the Committee the responsibility of opening up worthwhile and constructive types of service in this country to chan-

nel their energy and idealism. This problem would be rendered particularly acute, of course, in the event of military conscription.

Work for Refugees in This Country

As in Europe, the work in this country has taken various lines. First, may be mentioned the work for refugees in this country, which is closely bound up with the work in Europe. The Refugee office in Philadelphia handled 3,737 cases in 1939. One hundred thirty-seven affidavits were obtained; one hundred fifty permanent placements were effected in this country; and temporary hospitality and vocational retraining were arranged for many others.

During recent years the Committee has also experimented with a new pattern for providing orientation, training in English, the re-establishment of morale, and subsequent placement, for refugees—the hostel method. One hostel in Cuba accommodates fifty. A second, at Scattergood, near West Branch, Iowa, accommodates thirty-five. A third has just been organized in Richmond, Indiana. Summer hostels, seminars, and language camps have been conducted to assist the refugees.

Three-fold Peace Activities

Other activities in this country take three principal forms: First, there is the outreach of the Peace Section through the Institutes of International Relations, regional conferences, the Student Peace Service. In 1936 thousands cooperated in the nation-wide program sponsored by the Emergency Peace Campaign. The International Institutes have grown in number and in attendance until in the spring of 1940 more than 2,219 persons attended the ten Institutes. Young people to the number of 117 assisted in peace education in twenty-one rural communities under the Student Peace Service. A unit of eighteen went to Mexico during the summer and carried a message of good will across an international boundary by assisting Mexican peasants in erecting two school houses. Much attention has also been given during the past twelve months to the problems of the conscientious objector, both in regional conferences and in a seminar held at Pendle Hill in January for a small group of Friends gathered from all over the country.

Perhaps even more significant were the meetings held in Richmond, Indiana, on July 2, 3, 4, at which representatives of practically all the Yearly Meetings were present.

Work of Social-Industrial Section

The Social-Industrial Section conducted twelve Work Camps in distressed areas in the summer of 1940 with a total of 258 persons participating. Twenty-five volunteers served in settlement houses. The Work Camp Committee has given much thought to considering how the Work Camp program might be adapted and extended in case it becomes necessary to find more outlets for service in this country for young conscientious objectors. The Social-Industrial Section has also carried further its several reconstruction projects. First among these is the Penn-Craft Community in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, where fifty families are being assisted to build their own homes cooperatively, and to build their own lives into greater self-reliance at the same time. A sweater factory was opened during 1939 under Friends Service, Incorporated, and employs a maximum of thirty-two people. The health service maintained at Logan, West Virginia, continues. A small, new experimental project for the rehabilitation of share-croppers in the South is in the process of organization, but awaits adequate funds to get really under way.

National Volunteer Service Inaugurated

The National Volunteer Service has been organized by the Social-Industrial Section and the Peace Section. It opens a way for constructive, creative work to sincere, qualified young people who because of religious conviction are unable to participate in war. Fields of activity may well include reclamation of forests and impoverished farm lands, work among migratory laborers of Florida and in California; cooperation with Government agencies in inexpensive housing projects in rural areas; help in building village schools in Mexico; and work in public welfare institutions and private agencies which seek to find solutions to complex social and industrial problems. Young men and young women whose religious convictions and conscience will not permit them to serve in armed forces or to contribute in any way to the progress of war, may enroll in

this Volunteer Service for one year at the cost of $25 a month. Enrollment is now open for a camp at Cooperstown, New York. Other camps will be opened as enrollment warrants.

The Clothing Committee, with its headquarters at 1515 Cherry Street had an active year in 1939, and is trying now to increase its program to meet the increasing refugee needs in Europe. Thirty tons of clothing were shipped in 1939.

The International Student House in Washington, D. C., has assisted nineteen young people during a year to cut across international lines in their daily fellowship, and has sponsored many interesting activities.

Valuable Service of Fellowship Council

The Fellowship Council, established in 1936, which is affiliated with the Service Committee, has rendered valuable service in keeping in touch with large numbers of established Meetings of Friends, and with new and united Meetings. It maintains contacts with more than a thousand friends of the Friends, who have expressed a desire to be members of the Wider Quaker Fellowship, and has otherwise extended its influence through conferences, intervisitation, and the distribution of Quaker literature. A Handbook of the Religious Society of Friends was published by the Fellowship Council. The Society of Friends is placed under an increasing burden of responsibility to live its entire life on a high plane of spiritual expectation, as we are now portrayed so often before an expectant world as a group of religious persons with a message of unusual significance for our day. It is the chief function of the Fellowship Council to interpret to the world the spiritual ideals that lie behind our service.

The financial disbursements reveal something of the increasing activities of the Service Committee during these five momentous years. The figures for three of the fiscal years are:

1936-37	$181,000.00
1937-38	290,251.00
1938-39	345,118.00

Such cash receipts together with gifts in kind amounting to $338,264 bring the total for 1938 to $683,383; in 1939 to $904,-810.95. Friends gave about ten per cent of the amount administered in 1938.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the support of the Five Years Meeting of the Friends in America, and of many of its members and constituent Meetings.

One rewarding aspect of these years' work has been the increasing interest developing among Friends in various parts of the country in the several aspects of the work of the Committee. The various hostels, efforts on behalf of individual refugee families, the increasing number of Work Camps sponsored by local committees, the Institutes of International Relations, regional conferences, and the widely scattered units of the Student Peace Service, the growing anxiety about the relation of Friends both older and younger to compulsory military training or service, and the widespread response to the opportunity to provide Friendly refuge to the children of English Friends, have all worked toward this end. But a deeper reason has also, surely, been operating—a sense of the part of all Friends everywhere of the urgency and difficulty of the problems which face those who, in a world of force and conflict, are committed to the method of love. The Service Committee knows, for its part, that it cannot face its share of these problems unless it is very deeply rooted in the life and membership of the whole Society of Friends in America. It therefore bespeaks the continued interest, sympathy, and support of this Five Years Meeting of the Friends in America.

CLARENCE E. PICKETT, *Executive Secretary.*

75. As the featured speaker, Clarence E. Pickett presented Muriel Lester, founder of Kingsley Hall, friend and neighbor of London's East End, author of books and brochures on improved social and world relations and on the inner life of the spirit. Muriel Lester read courageous words from relatives and friends written from dug-outs and shelters in England, their roots being strengthened and made vigorous by God's presence, not confused as are so many of us who live on the surface of things. There is a deep calm beneath, in which we must plant our lives

for steadiness and reliant faith. She quoted the words: "Turn to God in action instead of in talk," and added: "You can't be bewildered if active in Christ's way."

76. The records of this morning's session were then read, corrected and approved. Following this, the Meeting also heard and approved the minutes of the afternoon session.

The Meeting adjourned to this evening.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
7:30 p. m.

77. The evening program was devoted to the interests of Young Friends. Charles F. Thomas presided and introduced Muriel Lester as speaker. A spiritual message in song was brought by Willard Haines of Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

In her address to youth, Muriel Lester brought the hope of a world redeemed through the transformation of human beings, by the practice of the presence of God, into new creatures ready to do his will.

78. An item of business presented by the Committee on Organization and taken care of at this session was the appointment of the following Friends to serve as the Board of Public Morals: Raymond E. Mendenhall, John Compton, J. Hoge Ricks, Harriet G. McCullough, H. Millard Jones.

79. As additional pages, Miriam Cooper and Eleanor Wing were named.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

80. At the Sunday School hour of 9:15, the large meeting room was well filled to hear an exposition of the International Lesson by W. O. Mendenhall. In a searching interpretation of the story of the feeding of the five thousand, he stressed the words: What have *ye*—feed *ye* them. As disciples of Christ we should be ready with spiritual food with which to nourish those about us.

At the morning meeting for worship at 10:30, Levi T. Pennington was the message bearer. He spoke on "The Call of the Hour to Friends." God, and the present hour, he said, call Friends to humility; to hard thinking; to tolerance; to loyalty of the highest order; to faith in truth and right—in God and man.

At 2:30 in the afternoon Rufus M. Jones gave a prophetic message on "The High Moment for Quakerism." He sounded a clear and urgent call for a deeper spirit of unity among Friends as the only way in which they may meet effectively the great opportunities for service which are opening up to them.

From this service Friends adjourned in large numbers to Quaker Hill north of Richmond where impressive exercises were held dedicating that new spiritual enterprise to Friendly service of a spiritual, educational and philanthropic nature. The dedication address was given by Elbert Russell with a briefer message by Rufus M. Jones, Alvin T. Coate presiding.

In the presence of the Fisk Singers and in their fine spiritual expression in song, at the evening meeting, an appreciative inter-racial note was sounded. Thomas E. Jones, President of Fisk University, spoke in a tone in keeping with the lofty spirit of the day.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
9:45 a. m.

81. After a devotional pause in which A. Ward Applegate expressed the petitions of the assembly, the Meeting proceeded at once to the consideration of the subject, "The Spirit of Christ in Evangelism and Outreach."

Murray C. Johnson, Chairman of Commission III, opened the discussion. The Commission recognizes the fundamental necessity for commitment to God and an understanding of the love and compassion of Jesus Christ as the source of all evangelistic effort. This concern took early Friends from home and earthly comforts and sent them out on their mission, and our own immediate Quaker ancestors felt the same urge to carry the message of Christ's love.

Willard O. Trueblood continued the introductory presentation of the subject, mentioning an advertisement which reads: "Use a big map." If you do, you can find the small places, he added. The pioneer in Rudyard Kipling's poem had a vision of "something hidden, something lost beyond the ranges," which he was bidden to "go and find." Our disunited condition as a Society is a challenge. In many of our cities are varying types of Friends meetings: some with age, background, solidity, conservatism; others active in evangelistic effort, ministering to youth through the Bible School; each weakened by separateness, each needing the other. Ideology is being shaped in the youth group. It is here our effort is most needed. Are Quakers shrinking? There is no need to diminish while half of America's population is virtually with

no church affiliation whatever. Have we a message for these? The world waits for help. Early Friends had a message which they delivered bravely and loyally as did our Lord's first disciples. We must heed equally both commands of Christ, "Feed my sheep," and "Feed my lambs."

The Commission then presented Helen T. Binford and Harley M. Moore, as additional speakers on the topic of the morning. Helen T. Binford presented practical methods of outreach after emphasizing that we need first, disciplined lives, personal worship, family altars, sincerity in the Christ-way of life, a readiness to cross frontiers carrying not doctrines but the living Christ. Harley M. Moore quoted the challenge of Jesus as given in Matthew's Gospel, "All things are delivered unto me" . . . "Come unto Me" and again, "All authority is given unto Me" . . . "Go ye therefore." The heart of evangelism is to know Jesus Christ. We have no alternative service here. No meeting can escape this responsibility. We must take Christ seriously, know him truly, listen to his call, and carry his message to others.

General discussion followed, inspiring contributions being given by G. Raymond Booth, James A. Coney, William J. Sayers, Errol T. Elliott, Jesse A. Stanfield, Rufus M. Jones, Robert Stuart, Waldo W. Woody, Joseph T. Lippincott, with Murray C. Johnson summing up the message of the morning.

82. We have welcomed to our sessions at this time Henry H. Perry, Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting, held at Westerly, Rhode Island, who has brought to us the greetings of that body.

83. There have been read appointments to the Board of Education and to the Peace Board; also the names of the advisory members of the Committee on the Revision of the Discipline. All these will appear in the Directory to be printed in the Minutes.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
2:00 p. m.

84. The Business Committee presented the following letter to Ram Allah Friends, prepared according to instructions. It was approved.

Our Friends at Ram Allah,
Dear Friends:

We received your cable with satisfaction and thankfulness. We rejoice that amid the confusion and darkness of the world, the light is still shining on your hills, and we trust that whatever may come you will be able to hold out with Christian faith and courage. At the conference on Missions just held in Indianapolis, a memorial paper was read on Sybil Jones, one of your founders, and her work of faith was reviewed with joy. We send you a message of greeting and encouragement, and we remain your friends in the love of Christ.

85. Indiana Yearly Meeting, at its session in 1940, took the following action subject to the judgment of the Five Years Meeting that such action was conformable to the provisions of the Uniform Discipline:

Friends in the process of being recorded as ministers, who have satisfactorily completed the first year's work of the Study Course, who are serving as pastors, and who have a settled purpose to continue in the course of study and in pastoral service approved by the Pastoral and Evangelistic Committee, may be granted a certificate by this Committee for one year which will accord to them the rights and privileges of ministers, including the right to solemnize marriage. This certificate may

be renewed each year upon the completion of at least fifty per cent of the following year's Course of Study, and providing the applicant continues in pastoral service.

This matter had come before the Business Committee which reported at this time as follows:

The communication from Indiana Yearly Meeting concerning the temporary recording of ministers who have completed the first year's work of the study course and proposing to grant such ministers the right to solemnize marriages was carefully considered by the Business Committee. It is recommended that this communication and concern of Indiana Yearly Meeting be referred to the Committee appointed to undertake a revision of the Discipline for careful study and consideration with particular regard to the requirements of the various state laws affecting the subject matter of the communication.

The general reference to the Committee on Revision of the Discipline was approved. However, the specific question raised by Indiana Yearly Meeting regarding the right of such prospective ministers to solemnize marriages according to the laws of the State and our rules of Discipline, was sent back to the Business Committee for specific recommendation.

86. Indiana Yearly Meeting also sent a request to the Five Years Meeting asking that the relationship between the Five Years Meeting and the independent groups of Friends be given consideration, especially as to future policy. A lively discussion ensued following preliminary presentation of this matter by the Business Committee, after which the question was referred back to the Committee for further consideration and later report.

87. Arlando Marine of Brooklyn, New York, who represents Friends on the Board of the American

Bible Society, introduced Dr. Frederick W. Cropp, General Secretary of that organization, who spoke effectively and inspiringly of the place of the Bible in our lives and in our Christian work, describing the great need and opportunity today for its world-wide distribution.

88. Raymond E. Mendenhall, Chairman, appeared on behalf of the Board on Public Morals, presenting first the report for the period now ending. This was accepted by the Meeting.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PROHIBITION AND PUBLIC MORALS

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

We came into our responsibilities at a time when the moral forces of America had suffered a series of stunning blows. The aftermath of the World War, with its disregard for life and law, with the economic disaster of the late twenties and early—and later—thirties, and the catastrophe of repeal, had rocked the foundations of all accepted social structures and had left our moral leadership dazed and discouraged.

Old standards of morality were being discarded. Many recognized no moral sanction other than their own desires. There was a spirit of ultra-liberalism in both private and public ethics. The American public seemed to have lost its power of moral indignation.

We, as Friends, had taught that certain practices such as drinking, the use of tobacco and other narcotics, gambling, et cetera, were immoral, too often failing to instruct our youth concerning the facts upon which these moral convictions were based. As late as 1935 most of our young people under twenty had never seen a drunken person, but they were exposed to liquor everywhere. Gambling was widely tolerated. Seemingly respectable people engaged freely in practices which the church had traditionally disapproved. Moral forces were rendered impotent from lack of funds, while the revived liquor traffic had abundant means for advertising and other propaganda.

S. Edgar Nicholson, longtime chairman of this Board, had been called to his reward during the previous five-year period. The secretary, Dora B. Clark, had carried on, but the passing of such a leader could not but be felt. The annual allowance to this Board from the general funds was pitifully inadequate in any attempt to counteract the selfish interests which were taking from the public, according to J. Edgar Hoover, some thirteen billion dollars per year.

Most of our work has been done by correspondents, in order to save money for educational and co-operative work. We have devoted our work primarily toward the young people in the belief that the attitudes and habits of the middle-aged were rather definitely fixed.

We were urged to bring legal proceedings against the Schenley distilling interests to stop the manufacture and sale of "Old Quaker Whiskey." We were advised that there was small chance of success, largely because we do not have "Quaker" as a legal part of our name. Perhaps the Five Years Meeting might seriously consider the inclusion of the name by which we are best known within its official title.

Protests from our Board and from subordinate groups have poured in upon the manufacturers of so-called Old Quaker Whiskey. We have cooperated with the Friends Temperance Society of Philadelphia and with the joint committee appointed by the two New York Yearly Meetings in this concern. Some concessions have been made; advertising is less blatant, but we cannot report complete success. We should give special mention to the persistent and excellent work of Malcolm R. Lovell of the New York Committee.

We have done some field work within the limits of every Yearly Meeting with Five Years Meeting affiliations. Professor Howard E. Hamlin, formerly of the Physiology Department of Ohio State University and author of the booklet "Alcohol Talks to Youth," attended meetings in Friends' communities and spoke in adjacent public schools within the limits of Wilmington, Indiana, and Western Yearly Meetings. The chairman of the Board spent one summer in visiting Yearly Meeting sessions and subordinate meetings in Canada, New England and New York. Field work has been done in Iowa,

Nebraska, California, Baltimore and North Carolina Yearly Meetings by Nathaniel H. Shope, a young man trained in athletics and in recreational leadership.

"Nate" Shope, as he is better known to his friends, has also been sent to summer camps for young Friends in five different Yearly Meetings. We believe that the scientific and athletic approach to temperance is most effective. We have worked also upon the conviction that a personality is more convincing than a pamphlet.

We have had considerable influence in the placing of Howard E. Hamlin in the Department of Education of the State of Ohio as Supervisor of Health and Narcotic Education. We regard this as one of our major accomplishments, for his office is unique and sets a precedent. Members and representatives of our Board have visited the educational officials of other States in an effort to persuade them to follow the Ohio precedent. While no State has copied the office exactly, Howard Hamlin's appointment and the urgings of our Board have contributed strongly to a revival of the scientific teaching of the effects of alcohol and other narcotics in the public schools. We urge Friends everywhere to encourage their school officials to observe the laws on this subject.

We have participated actively in the National Temperance and Prohibition Council—a federation which includes all dry organizations or boards with a national or denominational scope. The chairman of the Board has served two years as one of the vice-presidents of this Council, and our delegation to the annual conferences two and three years ago had an important part in the launching of a united drive against liquor advertising. While no legislation on the subject has been enacted as yet, the agitation has resulted in self censorship on the part of the radio chains, which has materially decreased the amount of liquor advertising on the air.

Several copies of a clip sheet of information and methods was issued by the Board and these were warmly received. Need of funds for field work caused a temporary discontinuance of this enterprise. We have also looked after the Penn Points in the temperance lessons of our quarterlies. Representatives of this Board have been invited to participate in

conferences called by the International Council of Religious Education and in the United Christian Adult Movement.

We think we see signs of a returning interest in personal and public morality. We observe that young people tend to evaluate the convictions of their elders by the willingness of said elders to expend money, effort, or life upon them. The Five Years Meeting spent, last year, ten times what it did four years ago, on public morals. The young people have noticed the difference.

We believe that we should enlarge our activities during the next five-year period and give more attention to the questions of gambling, economic honesty and Christian citizenship. In order to remove undue emphasis on one phase of our activities, we have recommended the shortening of our name to the Board of Public Morals. Such a change does not indicate in any degree a desire to lessen our efforts on behalf of temperance or prohibition, but an intent to enlarge our field.

With so many complex influences entering into the making of the personalities of our children, we believe that the home ought to be the most potent factor in the environment of the child. It should be a distinctly Christian factor and an appealing one. If every Quaker home were a place where parents and children played together, where the setting aside of the Lord's share of the income were an accepted habit, and where sincere and not too formal family devotions were a regular part of the family life, we doubt whether there would be much need for the work of this Board.

Public morals grow out of private morals.

RAYMOND E. MENDENHALL, *Chairman.*

Raymond Mendenhall then gave many telling and shocking illustrations of the grave evils of liquor, marihuana smoking, and gambling among young people, of all of which he had actual personal knowledge in one small town.

Roscoe C. Coffin, President of the Minnesota Temperance Movement, added incidents and accomplishments in his State. This Temperance Movement

prints and distributes scientific temperance information, conducts booths at county organizations and at State fairs, uses the radio, films and every available method for scientific temperance education.

89. This Meeting requested the Board on Public Morals to bring forward a statement which the Five Years Meeting may adopt as expressing its position on this vital subject, with such recommendations as may seem wise.

90. The Meeting expressed itself grateful for the long years of devoted service which Dora B. Clark has given on the Board of Public Morals, from which she has been released at her own request. She served for eighteen years as Secretary, during thirteen years of this period also serving as Treasurer, while for two years she was Acting Chairman, following the death of S. Edgar Nicholson.

91. The report of the Publication Board was accepted as printed below. The Meeting is under genuine obligation to Alvin T. Coate for his earnest, skilled and consecrated attention to the vital interests under care of the Board.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

It is profitable at times to re-read the history of an organization and to trace the purposes and hopes of those who were active in its formation. When the Publication Board was formed in 1913 it received as a trust *The American Friend* and the Penn Series of Bible School Lesson Helps.

These were the physical evidence of years of dreaming and

planning and of sacrificial labor of many Friends to prepare and distribute a worthy Friends literature. For thirty-seven years the Board has labored at this purpose. There have been reverses and times of disappointment, but looking back over these decades we see now that there has been progress also, and are confident that the Board has made a contribution to the welfare of the Society.

The passing in 1937 of Isaac T. Johnson who had given so much of his time and unusual ability for twenty-four years was a great loss.

It is impossible to evaluate the worth to American Quakerism of *The American Friend;* it is not only the news agency for Friends, but also a sounding board for all who wish to share a vital concern. The editorials by Walter C. Woodward rank high among religious periodicals in America.

When the Board on Christian Education was organized in 1937, the Publication Board assumed the financial responsibility for a full time editor for its publications and asked the new Board to be responsible for its contents. After careful consideration by both Boards, Jeanette Hadley was employed as Editor. Almost at once requests from the field for conference and advisory work became so insistent they could not be overlooked and much of her time has been so devoted. Because of this and beginning with the present fiscal year, the Board on Christian Education is contributing to her salary.

Following the resignation of Laverne Lindley in 1937, Melva Edgerton was employed as manager of the book store and since her resignation in 1939, Cleo Thornburg has carried the responsibility. An idea of the work carried on by the office may be gained from the pieces of mail sent out during the past year.

Parcel Post	2,500
Penn Series	6,400
The American Friend	30,000
First Class	15,500

Since the last Five Years Meeting, a synopsis of the gross volume of business done is as follows:

	The American Friend	Book and Supply House
1935-36	$5,263.23	$25,990.54
1936-37	5,577.86	25,128.90
1937-38	5,394.12	24,905.88
1938-39	5,411.60	25,617.51
1939-40	5,495.09	25,273.02

Since its beginning, it has been the principle of the Publication Board to distribute its literature at as nearly cost as could be estimated. In some years an operating margin has remained and this has been appropriated or loaned to some need of the Five Years Meeting under the direction of the Executive Committee. The Board has no indebtedness other than for current supplies.

ALVIN T. COATE, *Chairman.*

92. Walter C. Woodward, Secretary of the Program Committee, presented Percy M. Thomas, Field and Promotion Secretary of the Five Years Meeting, who talked informingly of *The American Friend,* the Bible School lesson helps and publications, and urged Friends to take advantage of their splendid Friendly literature. He stressed particularly the value of the editorials in *The American Friend,* expressing the hope that many more members in our meetings may subscribe for our excellent denominational organ.

93. Raymond Binford came before the Meeting, presenting the formal report of the Board on Education. This was accepted as printed. He then read a "Program of Education," prepared under direction of the Board, suggesting specific lines of educational work that the Five Years Meeting may carry on, especially through its schools and colleges. The report and program deserve most careful study on the part of all Friends.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

The Board of Education has continued to promote a mutual understanding and fellowship among the Friends schools and colleges. This has been accomplished through correspondence and by means of annual meetings of the Board, which are held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Council of Church Boards of Education, a national organization, in which our Board has membership, and to which we make an annual contribution of fifty dollars.

By meeting with this Council and with the Conference of Church Related Colleges and the Association of American Colleges, our educational leaders are kept in touch with the larger educational movements and with the outstanding national leaders in the field of higher education.

These annual meetings of the college presidents and other members of the Board, at which the problems of education in general and of Quaker education in particular are freely discussed, have contributed greatly to unity and cooperation of the colleges and schools belonging to the Five Years Meeting.

All the boards of the Five Years Meeting are engaged in educational work. The Board of Missions and the Board of Prohibition and Public Morals have their special fields of education. The training of members, young and old, in the home and local meetings falls under the supervision and counsel of the Board of Christian Education. To the Board of Education is left the duty of expressing the purpose and concern of the Society in regard to the *institutions* of learning, namely our schools and colleges.

Some of the problems connected with these institutions are:

1. What are the most efficient forms of organization for effective and economic administration?
2. What are the best teaching methods?
3. How can we meet modern disciplinary problems?
4. How can we help to solve the intellectual, social and spiritual problems of modern youth?

5. How can we present the Quaker way of life so that it will challenge the modern youth and make the Friendly spiritual interpretation of the Christian way of life dynamic on our campuses?
6. How can the colleges most effectively serve the Society?
7. What can the colleges do in offering courses, lectures or seminars that will help in preparing leaders for the various activities of the Society of Friends.
8. What can we do in the way of providing Friendly training for prospective ministers and pastors so that they may effectively lead local meetings in the Quaker way of creative worship and profound spiritual insight?

These and similar problems have received the serious and extensive consideration of the Board during the past five years. We have approached other boards of the Five Years Meeting for suggestions as to what courses the colleges might offer to help prepare leaders for their work. We have had correspondence and conference with heads of theological seminaries and schools of religion, where there are Friends on the faculty, and have received generous responses from them.

As a result of these various efforts we have prepared and submit with this report a program of education for the Five Years Meeting, not with any view to limiting our educational activities, but for the purpose of setting up some lines of work along which we may make cooperative progress.

At the time of the Centennial Celebration at Guilford College in May, 1937, an all-day, open conference on educational interests of the Society of Friends was sponsored by the Board. Most of the members of the Board, and many other Friends, including representatives from several schools and colleges not connected with the Five Years Meeting, also representatives from the Friends Council on Education of Philadelphia, and Friends Educational Council of English Friends, met together at that time. Those participating in the conference considered it eminently worthwhile.

The Board has cooperated with the Board on Christian Education in projects of mutual interest. Representatives of each board have attended meetings of the other, and major problems

of education within the Society of Friends have been jointly attacked in a way which has been a source of strength to both groups.

The Board has accepted associate membership in the Friends Council on Education of Philadelphia, and the two organizations have exchanged copies of their minutes.

The secretary and treasurer of the Board has given much time to correspondence connected with the work of the Board. At the request of the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting, he, together with Wm. C. Dennis, has given time and counsel in the matter of handling the Trust funds of the Board.

The chairman of the Board has given educational addresses in five different Yearly Meetings. He was on the program of a recent meeting of the Secretaries of Boards of Christian Education held at Columbus, Ohio.

The chairman of the Commission on the Friendly Training of Ministers and Members recommends that the Commission be discontinued and that work of this nature be referred to the Board of Education and to the Board of Christian Education. The Board concurs in this recommendation.

The Board of Education appropriated funds to assist two Friends to attend the summer session of Pendle Hill School.

A Program of Education for the Five Years Meeting

I. Maintain, improve, and coordinate existing institutions:

Schools	*Colleges*
Friendsville Academy	Earlham
Lincoln School	Guilford
Moses Brown School	Nebraska Central
Oakwood School	Whittier
	William Penn
	Wilmington

Note. All these institutions have shown a will and a capacity for survival. It seems that Friends should therefore seek to improve them and at least investigate the possibility of lines of coordination that will lead to more effective service to the Society. We need men of scholarly pursuits within the fellowship of our Society. They should be widely scattered through

our Society. Probably there is no better way to maintain them than in educational institutions.

II. Friendly training of children and youth below the college age.

NOTE. With the exception of Friendsville Academy in the Tennessee mountains, our schools are located in New York and New England. They are rather remote from most of our communities, but we should support them as far as possible by our patronage. There are other Friends schools which we might use more extensively as the military atmosphere penetrates our public schools. For the most part we must depend on the home, the Sunday School and the Church for the Friendly training of our children and youth. We must look to the Board of Christian Education for leadership in that field.

III. The Friendly training of our members in our schools and colleges.

NOTE. Do the atmosphere, the student activities, the method of handling student affairs, the courses of study and their arrangement, and the method of teaching, and the faculty-student relationships contribute towards building up in the student's experience and in the student's mind a clear conception of and a real appreciation for the Quaker way of life? What are the essentials of the Quaker way of life? How can they be planted and cultivated in the lives of college students? The Board of Education proposes that Friends carefully study these questions and that a conference of those particularly interested in education be held in the summer of 1941, to search out fuller answers to these questions than we now have.

IV. The Friendly training of ministers and workers for their tasks.

NOTE. 1. We propose that a study be made of the courses already offered along this line in our schools and colleges and that where it is consistent with the general nature of the curriculum and the patronage of the institution, additional studies for specific training be suggested. . . 2. We propose that fur-

ther consideration be given to the question of graduate work with a Quaker content for ministers and workers. This to be sought in some interdenominational seminary where there are Friends on the faculty, or added to the work in some one of our colleges. . . 3. We propose that where possible dormitory, a home or a guest-house be maintained on the campus or in the neighborhood of each of our colleges for the purpose of promoting short courses for pastors and their workers and to serve as headquarters for extension work in our Society. Some of the proposed uses for Quaker Hill are in line with what we have in mind here. . . 4. The coordination of the work offered at Pendle Hill with some phases of graduate work for our ministers and leaders.

V. Increased scholarships to Friends schools and colleges.

NOTE. The decrease of income from endowments in recent years has forced the schools and colleges to increase their charges for tuition. It is important therefore, that Friends provide more funds for scholarships and loan funds to assist parents in sending their children to the Quaker schools and colleges.

Since pastors generally receive low salaries, scholarships are needed to help them secure adequate training. Since Sunday School teachers and officers of the church schools, clerks, ministers, elders and other workers in the local meeting receive no compensation, their specific training should be financed by the Society. For these various reasons Friends should give more attention to scholarships and loan funds.

VI. Promotion of field work and extension work on the part of our colleges.

The Society should seek to use its scholars and its educational facilities more extensively.

In appointing the Board of Education for the coming five-year period, personnel should be provided for the following subdivisions of the work:

1. A sub-committee to strengthen our colleges and promote their common interests.
2. A sub-committee on schools.

3. A sub-committee to study the essentials of the Quaker way of life, to investigate methods for promoting it, and to hold a conference of educational leaders for this purpose; also to promote graduate training for ministers and special workers. This committee would take over the whole question of providing Friendly training for ministers.
4. A sub-committee to promote a more vital relation between the educational institutions and the Society.
5. A sub-committee for counsel and advice in raising scholarships and loan funds.

RAYMOND BINFORD, *Chairman.*

94. On behalf of the Meeting, William C. Dennis expressed deep appreciation of the great amount of time and thought expended by Raymond Binford, the Chairman during the past five years. Milo S. Hinckle also expressed his appreciation of the constructive work of the Board of Education, and also of the presidents, faculties, and trustees of our schools and colleges, who carry on so much of the educational work of the Five Years Meeting.

95. The Commission on the Friendly Training of Ministers and Members presented through Raymond Binford, Chairman, the report which follows:

THE COMMISSION ON THE FRIENDLY TRAINING OF MINISTERS AND MEMBERS

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

Following the last Five Years Meeting the Commission on the Friendly Training of Ministers and Members set up six lines of activity:

1. The preparation of a reading list and other projects for training ministers already in the service.
2. The preparation of an outline for the study of the relation of the minister to his meeting.
3. The holding of summer conferences on the work of a local Friends meeting.

4. The promotion of the use of Quaker literature.
5. A study of Quaker culture in the home.
6. The promotion of Quaker training in our Sunday Schools, and high schools or academies and colleges.

In only one of these six projects did the Commission actually accomplish some service. A five-day conference was held at Pendle Hill on the work of a Friends meeting. This was considered a remarkably successful undertaking and greatly affected the thinking of those who participated in it.

It was the full intention of the Commission to hold several other conferences of this nature at other places, but we lacked the services of a Joseph E. Platt to make the many important local arrangements necessary. We also found it difficult to work without any funds with which to finance our projects. The Commission was made up of men and women who were already burdened with service on other Boards of the Five Years Meeting. It was also disorganized when new members were appointed by the Board on Christian Education to take the places of the members appointed from the Board of Young Friends Activities and the Board of Religious Education. The chairman of the Commission found the task of reorganizing the Commission to be more than he had time for. He served on a committee in North Carolina Yearly Meeting in preparing a course of study for elders. The chairman has also done a considerable amount of work on a course for the Friendly training of associate members.

We believe that during the thirteen years of its existence, the Commission has done a great deal toward arousing the interest of Friends in the importance of Friendly training and has had some influence in directing their thought along this line. It seems, however, that we have about reached the limit of our service as a Commission unless some funds are provided for the work. We recommend therefore that the Commission be discontinued and that the projects named above be referred to the Board of Education and the Board on Christian Education for their consideration and for their joint or separate action as way may open for it.

The Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting asked the Commission to review the course for elders prepared by North Carolina Yearly Meeting and to make recommendation

for its further use or to revise it for use in the Five Years Meeting. The members of the Commission have been in correspondence in regard to this matter but are not ready to make a final report. We suggest arrangements be made for the completion of this task. RAYMOND BINFORD, *Chairman.*

96. Two recommendations presented by the Commission on Friendly Training of Ministers and Members were considered:

(1) That this Commission be discontinued and its projects be referred to the Boards of Education and Christian Education was adopted, and the Commission is accordingly discontinued.

(2) Further consideration of the use or revision of the "Course on Training Elders," prepared by North Carolina Yearly Meeting, was referred to the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting.

97. Jessie Gidley Carter, a member of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Westerly, Rhode Island, expressed her joy in associating with us during these sessions and her desire that we know that all Friends in attendance have shared most vitally and appreciatively in the various interests of this gathering.

98. E. Raymond Wilson was given time to summarize the situation in regard to government policy on the war and Friends' attitude toward conscription, also developments in the situation of conscientious objectors. William C. Dennis asked that we do all in our power to help elect an anti-war Congress. Brief discussion followed.

99. The Recording Clerk read the minutes of the sessions Saturday evening, of this morning, and likewise this afternoon's records. All these were consid-

ered severally and after certain suggestions and changes were incorporated they were adopted as they appear above.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning in business session.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
7:30 p. m.

100. A public meeting on the vital topic of the spiritual basis of the world service of Friends was largely attended. A. Ward Applegate presided and introduced Clarence E. Pickett as speaker. In an earnest presentation of the problems facing the American Friends Service Committee and the entire Society of Friends, Clarence Pickett urged that we co-ordinate our efforts, and be in truth co-workers with each other as members of the body of Christ. Spiritual adventures in service evidence the life of the spirit. We are called to the high calling of doing something for a world in need.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
9:45 a. m.

101. As the Meeting settled into Worship, Margaret T. Carey led in earnest supplication. Errol T. Elliott, Esther E. Baird, and DeElla Newlin gave expression to their faith, trust, and aspiration.

102. The Presiding Clerk introduced Frank D. Campbell, who has been attending these sessions as a fraternal representative of the Illinois Methodist Conference and as a member of the Wider Quaker Fellowship. He spoke of the joy which he and his wife, Ada Campbell, are experiencing in being in fel-

lowship with Friends, and presented his concern for legislation by the Congress of the United States to eliminate racial ineligibility to citizenship and the exclusion system based thereon.

103. J. H. Wilson, pastor of the First Christian Church of Richmond, Indiana, was welcomed at this time.

104. From the fraternal delegation from Kansas Yearly Meeting has come this word of thanks and appreciation through the Clerk of that body, Frank C. Brown:

> The Kansas delegation wishes to express to the Five Years Meeting our sincere appreciation of the kindness shown us. I think I can speak for every one when I say that we have enjoyed the spiritual fellowship of the Meeting.
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> On behalf of the group,
>
> FRANK C. BROWN.

105. These names for members-at-large of the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting were presented by the Committee on Organization, and were approved: Nellie H. Markle, Richmond, Indiana; Estella C. Kelsey, Wilmington, Ohio; James C. Matchett, Chicago, Illinois; George H. Wood, Allentown, Pennsylvania; William J. Sayers, Muncie, Indiana.

106. Percy M. Thomas, Chairman of Commission II, came before the Meeting with brief explanation of the purpose of the study assigned this commission, "The Spirit of Christ in the Local Meeting," more fully outlined in the preliminary printed statement.

Raymond Binford followed in the introductory presentation, saying that his home and his local meeting are the two institutions of primary importance to him. A Friends meeting needs organization and

duties assigned if it is to function properly. There are many ways of meeting God—through silence, prayer, Scripture reading, singing, preaching, and service to others. He emphasized the training of elders as well as of other leaders in the meeting if we would influence our youth.

Stanley Hamilton, who united with Friends eleven years ago, spoke of his preference for a meeting rather than a church. He feels that the need of a spiritual fellowship is better met through meetings on a basis of service and silence than through the more formal type of organization.

Milo S. Hinckle, also a Friend who came from another communion many years ago, explained his understanding of the place and purpose of the Quaker pastorate within the Quaker fellowship. Many modern people are not ready to grasp or to use the opportunities of the completely unprogrammed meeting for worship. The pastorate has not, however, been entirely adjusted to the Quaker ideal or to the exercise of true Quaker freedom. The ideal blends human leadership and Divine guidance.

Faith A. Terrell presented the point of view of the smaller rural meeting with its problems and privileges. It is more possible to worship and exchange ideas in smaller groups, as has been seen in the morning worship periods here. Often these small rural meetings have not a full-time pastor and can better develop the talents of the membership. Young parents and tenant farmers have special needs for us to consider.

107. General discussion was shared in by D. Reeves Shinn, James R. Furbay, William J. Sayers, Charles W. Palmer. Percy M. Thomas summed up

the exercise of the hour, saying that our objective is to build Christian and Christlike character. This must be attained by a balanced program of education, instruction, worship, fellowship, service.

108. In the 11:30 half-hour of worship, the Meeting was led by Hornell Hart, member of Haverford Meeting, Pennsylvania, and Professor of Christian Ethics in the School of Religion of Duke University. Speaking to the Society of Friends in a world at war, he asked if we have a faith adequate to the need. If we believe that a higher than all human power has been at work in all ages past, that this power was working through Jesus of Nazareth, through George Fox and the early Friends, and that it is available now, then what is wrong with the world? The answer must be that human beings are not adequately offering themselves as channels through which this power can work. How may we become such channels? We must give time and attention to the working of the Spirit. There must be an utter re-focussing of our lives, a re-orientation of ourselves.

In the worship that followed, Friends were asked to approach the matter of silence as nearly as possible in the attitude expressed by the poet, John G. Whittier, "Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire." A deep hush pervaded the assembly, then a verse of "In the Cross" was sung, and Hornell Hart closed with the prayer:

> "Lay upon us Thy love and light,
> Send us out into the world of needs attuned to Thee
> May the radiance of Thy kingdom live in our hearts.
> So may Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done."

Adjourned until afternoon.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
2:00 p. m.

109. After a devotional silence, James G. Vail of Philadelphia was recognized. He brought the warm affection and greetings of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and expressed sincere appreciation of the privilege of association and fellowship with Friends of the Five Years Meeting. In this atmosphere of unifying experience minor differences disappear. The delegation from Philadelphia has been named to serve for Five Years for the purpose of giving thought to ways of increasing and keeping vital the fraternity that exists among us.

110. Errol T. Elliott, Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, introduced the topic of the afternoon, outlining the broad field of religious education which covers every activity of the meeting. He introduced Nellie H. Markle, Chairman of the Department of Children's Work, who presented two visiting dolls from the Junior Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England. These dolls are named Eli Jones, Jr. and Sybil Jones, Jr.; they have visited Monthly and Quarterly Meetings in their own Yearly Meeting and are here with a minute for service. New York Junior Yearly Meeting's epistle was then read to the Meeting and a living representative in the person of little Sabra Louise Reynolds was introduced and welcomed. Doll visitors from New York Juniors have also been present throughout the sessions. The Clerks were directed to prepare returning minutes for the New England and New York Junior representatives.

The Report of the Board of Christian Education was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

To the Five Years Meeting of 1940:

Following the Five Years Meeting sessions in 1935, and by action of the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting, the former Board of Religious Education and the Board of Young Friends Activities were united to form the new Board on Christian Education. It had been discovered during the activities of past years that the functions of those two Boards overlapped considerably, especially in relationship to the educational program for young people. The decision to unite came as a result of several years of experience and thought on the part of those who were in leadership of both Boards and the action was taken with the entire consent of all who were involved.

Young Friends' Work Emphasized

However, it was recognized that in the uniting of any two Boards of the Five Years Meeting there is always the danger that one of them may recede in importance and in activities. Recognizing that with the total scope of interest which the Board on Christian Education would have, the young Friends activities might be lessened, we have especially guarded against this possibility. Consequently, no department of the new Board has been more active and had a larger share of money allotted to it than the one concerned with young Friends' activities. We would call special attention to the work of that department in the following paragraphs. Milton H. Hadley has given continuous and active attention to the program as head of that department. Only recently has he resigned this leadership due to his removal from Western Yearly Meeting which automatically removes him from membership on the Board. In the meantime, Charles F. Thomas has been asked to serve as acting director of that department.

Total Process of Life Is Educational

We should like to present first of all the basic philosophy on which the work of this Board is being developed. In years past churches have ordinarily thought of Christian Education

as being limited to one hour on Sunday morning in the institution which has come to be known as the Sunday School. We would not for a moment minimize the importance of the proper use of that hour. Furthermore, the present-day activities of Christian Education will likely center for some time through the church school. However, we must see increasingly that Christian Education is related to the total activities of the church covering an entire week. Perhaps it is not an overstatement to say that nothing which happens in the local meeting is outside of the interest of Christian Education.

The total process of life is largely an educational affair. Everything which presses against the consciousness of the individual and thereby wields some influence on the formation of his personality is educational. In short, the total environment is a "school" within which he is being trained. As he moves from childhood to maturity he steps from one educational level to another.

Educational Process Must Be Made Christian

It is highly important that this educational process shall be made Christian. It cannot be done alone through the work inside of the church building, for other institutions are molding his life, perhaps more than does the church. It is not possible for Christian Education forces to encompass completely the life of a growing youth; for instance we are decidedly limited in the amount of Christian influence which we can bring into the public school. We can, however, find openings now and then through week-day schools of Christian Education and daily vacation church schools to supplement the school life.

Doubtless the most determining influence in the life of the individual, particularly in the earlier years, is the home. As will be indicated later in this report, our Board is giving particular attention to that area. A closer coordination between home and church can be worked out in local meetings where an active department on Christian Home Life or where a Christian Education committee as such is active. We commend the work of the Christian Home Life Department, as given later, to your earnest attention.

Christ Must Be Central

It is not enough that we should seek to widen the Christian Education activities. We must first of all get our bearings and raise the question, "What are our aims or objectives?" So long as we use the term "Christian," we must hold Christ central in our thought. The deeper the world sinks into the maelstorm of hatred which now sweeps across it, the more we shall see the need of trying to weave His spirit into the fabric of our social system and more specifically into the souls of our children, youths and adults. Nothing short of this saving redemptive power of God which we find in Him will suffice to produce the character and personality that is required for such a strenuous age as ours. All of the knowledge both technical and general in the field of Christian Education can never substitute for that redemptive, lifting and guiding power which we find in Him. Therefore, we must not come to think of Christian Education as merely a framework of thought, a well rounded program, or an up-to-date curriculum. It must be made dynamic, centering the thought life of the individual around Christ and his challenging guidance.

This must lead us inevitably to our aim for the individual. That aim can be nothing short of a well rounded life whose ideas, emotions, will and entire spirit are organized into a well rounded personality that is Christ-centered. Naturally this aim is never fully realized but it must be kept before us to motivate and inspire us in our educational work.

The Quaker Emphasis in Our Educational Work

Looking upon Quakerism as one interpretation and expression of Christianity, we are concerned to use the history, faith and practice of Friends in our educational work. The world has enough of "washed out" Protestantism. We must read deeply into the essential meaning of Christianity and its interpretation by Quakers if we are to discover our place in an adequate program for building the family of God upon earth.

Pursuant to this scope and these aims, we have organized the Board on Christian Education to meet them in some measure. The International Council of Religious Education and other educational groups have encouraged the building of Christian Education work to cover as nearly as possible the

age range and the scope of activities with which a church should be concerned. Consequently, our Board has been organized with five departments and directors for each as follows: Children's Work Department, Nellie H. Markle; Youth and Student Work, Milton H. Hadley; Adult Education, James R. Furbay; Christian Home Life, Cecil E. Haworth; Leadership Education, M. Marie Cassell.

Our Place in the Total Program

As we develop the broader interpretation of Christian work and organize accordingly we need to rediscover and re-define our functions within the total program of the local meeting. The question briefly is, "What is the relationship of the Christian Education Committee within the total organization of the Church?" Although its function is broad it cannot and should not usurp activities which rightfully belong to other committees and departments.

In the first place it will, of necessity, start with the church school on Sunday mornings and make it the best possible educational service. In the second place there are new areas of work which can be discovered and undertaken. In the third place it can cooperate with other committees of the church serving somewhat as a "setting up" agency for such activities as church night occasions, while depending upon other committees for the content of much of the program. In the fourth place young people's meeting and activities may fall within its work. There is no set recommendation which will work equally well in every situation. Each committee must face its own task in the light of its own circumstances but its program must be a channel through which such work as missions, peace, temperance, stewardship, etc., can be expressed.

Activities of the Five Departments

We now submit the activities of the five departments. It should be remembered that the persons heading these departments are voluntary workers contributing sacrificially their time and talents in this work while at the same time being deeply involved in the business of making a living and working in their own churches.

In all of these activities we are particularly indebted to

Jeanette Hadley who has managed to crowd field activities, office work, editing of church school supplies, and creative writing into her very busy life. We are deeply grateful for her very acceptable services as Executive Secretary of our Board. The Publication Board and the Board on Christian Education, after studying the total picture of the task of Christian Education, were able to relate work in the field with editorial work in the office so that both types of service were united in one worker. The major purpose of relating the work of the Board to local situations was carried out through services to Yearly Meetings and in local and quarterly meeting conferences as well. Special stress was laid on service to children's workers and to Young Friends' activities, with considerable time devoted to Young Friends Camps and Conferences.

The five departments cooperated in a number of activities, among them the following:

1. Preparation of printed and mimeographed materials: "Opening Doors for Christian Education" (printed pamphlet); "We Could Do This in 1939-40" (printed leaflet of suggestions); several issues of "Christian Education Exchange" (a mimeographed bulletin); "Christian Education Month" (mimeographed suggestions for observing a five-week period, suggested for September 29 through October, 1940).

2. Articles which have appeared from time to time in *The American Friend,* prepared by members of the departments.

3. Participation as leaders in coaching and other types of conferences, in Pastors' Short Courses, and in Yearly Meeting programs.

4. Gathering books and materials for a display of books, made available through a traveling suitcase.

5. Studying new books in the various fields of work to increase their own understanding of needs and materials. Through contributions from the departments, many books have been added to the Lending Library of the Five Years Meeting.

6. Carrying on extensive correspondence in connection with forming and promoting plans of work.

In all procedures there has been definite effort to relate the work of the Board to interests and needs of local meetings. Such activities as are briefly summarized in the next paragraphs were planned and executed with that purpose in mind.

Scope of Children's Work

Nellie H. Markle, Richmond, Indiana, has served as Chairman of this Department. Among accomplishments for children's workers have been these: several issues of the mimeographed bulletin, "Christian Education Exchange," prepared and distributed over the Five Years Meeting; a Vacation Bible School Bulletin prepared under the direction of this Department; packets of material assembled on the themes of Easter and Peace, which are loaned on request; materials compiled in mimeographed form for special day observances, including "Christmas," "The Story of Our Bible," and others; a chart of objectives for children's workers, prepared under the leadership of Raymond Binford in North Carolina, was studied and plans laid for further development and use of the chart. The Chairman has spent a vast amount of time in the study of materials and publications having to do with the whole problem of the curriculum for children in Christian Education.

Work Done for Young Friends

Since the organization of the Board, Milton H. Hadley, who during the period was doing regular pastoral work in Chicago, has been Chairman of the Department. For three years, lessons were prepared by Milton Hadley to be used by Young Friends in their Society or Bible School Class meetings, these appearing regularly in *The Penn Weekly;* a study unit for young people was printed, in cooperation with the Mennonites and Church of the Brethren, under the title, "To Fight or Not to Fight"; the Department cooperated with other Young Friends in various activities; there has been cooperation with the United Christian Youth Movement where possible; the Chairman assisted in leadership in several Young Friends Camps and Conference each summer; the Department sponsored a Conference for Young Friends Leaders in the summer of 1940, out of which came the basic material for a new "Handbook for Young Friends' Leaders."

In Behalf of Adult Education

Through the efforts of James R. Furbay, pastor of the First Friends Meeting of Marion, Indiana, who is the Chairman of the Adult Department, together with members of the Depart-

ment, the following things have been accomplished: successful forms of adult work have been compiled and mimeographed for the information of those interested; the Chairman of the Department and others have conducted conferences and gives addresses in the interests of adult work as well as general Christian Education; members of the Department have served on program committees for Pastors' Conferences and Short Courses; this has been a channel for new materials from the International Council of Religious Education which related to adult work; adult interests for Friends have been represented by this Department in regional United Christian Adult Movement Conferences.

Christian Home Life Stressed

This Department has had as its Chairman Cecil E. Haworth, pastor of Central Friends Meeting, High Point, North Carolina. Through his efforts and the cooperation of members of the Department, a number of packets of study material for parents were prepared and made available at minimum cost. These are kept up-to-date through constant revision. A devotional column, giving worship suggestions for families with children, has been contributed to *The Penn Weekly* over a period of three years. Reading course suggestions, a questionnaire for parents, and similar practical helps have been developed.

Advances in Leadership Education

Through the work of M. Marie Cassell, pastor of the Friends Meeting, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, who has served the Department of Leadership Education for more than two years, there have been advances in this work. Interest has been shown over the Five Years Meeting, both in credit and non-credit leadership courses; packets have been distributed, containing helpful pamphlets and other materials related to leadership development; a short-term reading course was sponsored during one year; Marie Cassell personally taught several courses from the Leadership Education Curriculum, in various communities.

Errol T. Elliott, *Chairman.*

111. Errol Elliott next introduced the other leaders of the departments of the Board on Christian Education: Jeanette Hadley, Editor of the Bible School literature and supplies, Executive Secretary of the Board, and Field Secretary for conference and advisory work in Bible Schools and religious education; Percy M. Thomas, who in his position as Educational and Promotion Secretary of the Five Years Meeting, has performed constructive work in the field of Christian Education; James R. Furbay, Chairman of the Adult Department, Cecil E. Haworth, of Christian Home Life, and Charles F. Thomas, of the Young Friends Department, who are doing excellent work though not present at this session to report; Marie Cassell, head of Leadership Training; and R. Furnas Trueblood, who as Vice-Chairman of the Board takes active part in all its activities. Milton H. Hadley was for some years head of Young Friends work, but through removal to another field (Superintendent of White's Institute in Indiana) has resigned his place to Charles F. Thomas. To all these devoted and capable leaders, the Board of Christian Education acknowledged its indebtedness.

112. Discussion of phases of our work in Christian Education was participated in by George H. Wood, Arthur W. Hammond, Earl Fowler, William J. Sayers, L. Herbert Reynolds, and Alice A. Macomber.

113. Dr. Hornell Hart was introduced as speaker of the afternoon. He discussed the situation in which youth finds itself today and the driving motives behind the actions of young people. Four perverted

and destructive wills exist: the will to exploit, the will to dominate, the will to repudiate religious idealism, and the will to destroy. Over against and matching these are the will to serve, the will to brotherhood, the will to open-minded, humble search for the truth, the will to build. Eloquently and in impelling phrase, Dr. Hart presented the decision that lies before youth. Youth wants an answer to life. Young people cannot be saved unless the teachers of youth are saved. They must shine with the Christ-life, must be able to say, with John, "We love the brethren." We must illustrate in our own lives the Christ-life and give youth the resources for finding the truth, introducing them to the patterns, the prophets of all ages; we must show them that prayer can be real, that worship can come alive, and bring them to the Master Himself, who is the Way, the Truth, the Life.

114. The Meeting approved the following statement made by the Business Committee on the matter referred back to it by Minute 85:

In response to the query of Indiana Yearly Meeting regarding the position of persons taking the study course and serving as pastors in local meetings, the Business Committee calls the Meeting's attention to Chapter 3, Section 12, page 78, of the Uniform Discipline, which reads as follows:

> "Section 12. Each Yearly Meeting may adopt such regulations for the solemnization of marriage as its local conditions may make advisable."

It is therefore felt that the problem presented is one for the careful consideration of each Yearly Meeting, which should be guided by the provisions of the Discipline and the laws of each State involved. It is felt that a word of caution should be offered in departing from the past practice of Friends in

this regard. The attention of Friends is called to the possibility of marriage in accordance with the custom of Friends' ceremony as provided in the Discipline.

115. With reference to the relationship of "Independent Meetings" to the Five Years Meeting (Minute 86), the following report, which was made by the Business Committee, was adopted:

The communication from Indiana Yearly Meeting regarding the relationship between the Five Years Meeting and independent groups of Friends was again considered by the Business Committee.

We recommend that the communication and concern be referred to the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting, and urge that the Committee make a careful and sympathetic approach to the problem presented, taking into consideration the work of the Fellowship Council, the make-up of the independent meetings, and the help and stimulus which might come from cooperation with such groups. After such consideration, the Executive Committee is asked to give sympathetic attention to independent groups of Friends as the way may open and to advise and consult with the Fellowship Council in any action which may be taken.

116. The letter regarding the care and support of conscientious objectors, presented on Friday morning and referred back to the Business Committee (Minute 44), has been returned to this Meeting in its original form. With the addition of the words, "in their conscience," so that the phrase will read, "provided they do not feel free in their conscience to take military service," the letter was adopted and directed sent to all Monthly Meetings through the usual channels.

The problems which confront conscientious objectors to military service at this time have been weightily before the Five Years Meeting and it is profoundly concerned for all its youth

who are subject to the Draft. Provision is being made for Friends to carry on projects of national importance under the care of the American Friends Service Committee, provided they do not feel free in their conscience, either to perform military service or to do alternative work under governmental direction.

This work under the Service Committee will involve large expense and sacrifice for our faith, and we ask individual Friends and Monthly Meetings to give freely and generously to make it possible to support those Friends who elect this type of civilian service. It will probably cost about $25.00 per month for each man who accepts such service.

It is suggested: (1) that committees in local meetings begin collecting funds as soon as possible; (2) that funds be temporarily held in the Yearly Meeting Treasury; and (3) that they be paid to the Service Committee to be applied to the expenses of the Conscientious Objectors who are under its care.

117. As directed in Minute 89, the Board on Public Morals at this time presented the statement hereinunder appearing. The Meeting united heartily in this expression of belief and purpose, adopted it and directed that the statement be given due publicity. The Meeting instructed that it be sent to each of our Monthly Meetings through the usual channels.

STATEMENT ON ALCOHOL AND ALLIED EVILS

We re-affirm the following statement from the Uniform Discipline of the Five Years Meeting of Friends:

"All members are earnestly warned against the use of all intoxicating liquors, and of opium in all its preparations, except for purposes strictly medicinal, and in the manufactures and arts; and they are advised to abstain from the use of tobacco. The use of these tends to physical, mental, and moral injury.

"As the liquor traffic is a great cause of poverty and crime, and a serious obstacle to the spread of the gospel, members of the church should never engage in it in any way, but should

be active, earnest and emphatic in their opposition to this great evil. The liquor traffic, whether legal or illegal, should receive no countenance whatsoever."

Inasmuch as this statement represents the historic and present belief and practice of the great majority of Friends, we most earnestly protest against the use of either "Quaker" or "Friend" as a trade name for liquor or tobacco in any of their forms, it being a gross misrepresentation of our Religious Society that tends to give the public an erroneous idea of our attitude toward these narcotics. We invite all Christians and all lovers of fair dealing to unite with us in this protest.

We feel that all efforts toward temperance and purity should flow from a genuine love for the human individual; and that the best protections for the individual are enlightened self-control and a life filled with the Spirit of God.

To this end we urge all subordinate meetings and all cooperating boards and agencies to promote, by example and by instruction, a sound knowledge of the physical and psychological effects of liquor, tobacco, opium, and marijuana, together with an understanding of the economic and social evils which result from the indulgence and the traffic in these narcotics.

We recognize the natural and proper desire of people, especially young people, for recreation, entertainment and social contacts. We believe that the home and the church have a sacred obligation to promote wholesome and appealing opportunities for the satisfaction of these desires; furthermore we believe that such care for our youth will do much to remove the temptation to undesirable diversions.

However, even though every religious organization in America should maintain the best program of alcohol education humanly conceivable, there would still be those who would drink intoxicants. To protect these against themselves, and society against the results of their indulgence, prohibitory laws are essential.

We re-affirm our conviction that the liquor problem can never be solved without the enactment and enforcement of state and federal prohibitory measures against the importation, manufacture, sale, and distribution of intoxicating beverages. We urge Friends to exert every proper effort toward

the nomination and election of legislators and public officials who are conscientiously committed to our position on this subject.

118. Merle L. Davis introduced to the Meeting a representative from Cuba Yearly Meeting, Hector Diaz (see footnote to Minute 5), who spoke in Spanish, with Merle Davis interpreting. The Meeting was happy to have Hector Diaz present to represent Cuba Yearly Meeting.

119. The Recording Clerk read the minutes of the morning session, as well as the minutes of the afternoon session. With slight corrections, they were approved.

Adjourned until this evening at 7:30.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
7:30 p. m.

120. For the concluding session of the Five Years Meeting, Friends assembled in the spirit of worship and praise. Herbert Huffman, Jr., presided, and the First Friends choir led in congregational singing. Dr. Albert W. Beaven, former president of the Federal Council of Churches, addressed the Meeting on "God and Tomorrow," taking as his text the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. He pleaded with us to believe that the God who has led us thus far is still with us, that He is not dead; though the mountains be carried into the midst of the seas, God is there. Man has quested all through the centuries and the rootage of the past is down in something real. He urged Friends to keep their genius for experimentation in the spir-

itual world. Help America solve her racial differences on a basis of appreciation, understanding, and integration, was his plea.

121. Grace Warren Sturge, one of the London Yearly Meeting representatives, came before the Meeting with gracious words of appreciation for the warmth of welcome extended to the four Friends from the war-stricken areas of England.

122. The Five Years Meeting desires to acknowledge its debt of gratitude to all those who have so generously contributed to the successful accomplishment of the purpose for which these sessions have been held. Especially does the Meeting wish to express to the First Friends Meeting, its gracious host, to W. Bruce Hadley, minister, and to Harry B. Reeves, chairman of the local committee on arrangements, sincere appreciation of hospitality extended in unremitting measure. The many acts of kindness and of love will remain a precious memory as the gathering concludes and Friends scatter to the far reaches of this country, taking with them inspiration, courage, information, and confidence for the upbuilding of the smaller groups and meetings to which they belong. To West Richmond, the Lauramoore, North Tenth Street, and Earlham meetings, as also to Quaker Hill, our thanks are likewise extended; to the Richmond homes where we have been welcomed; to Earlham College; to the Central offices and staff; to Walter C. Woodward, our efficient, never-tiring, and ever-thoughtful Executive Secretary; to Merle L. Davis, Administrative Secretary of the American Friends Board of Missions, far-seeing and wise helper of missionaries at

home and abroad; to W. Bruce Hadley, R. Furnas Trueblood and Percy M. Thomas for personal attention to detail and management; to those who have so carefully provided for the creature comforts of food, in the kitchen, dining-room, and at the tea tables; to these we are mentioning and to all others in any way responsible for the ease with which the machinery of hospitality has worked. We shall carry with us the glow of your kindness and thoughtfulness, remembering you one and all in grateful appreciation.

On the administrative side, thanks are due in unstinted measure to the Executive Committee, the Program Committee, the Business Committee, committees on exhibits, and all planning groups who have so well arranged for business, worship, public addresses, educational exhibits, music by voice, choir, and organ.

The Richmond daily press has been most courteous and generous in editorial and news columns, and for this service the Five Years Meeting is truly appreciative. Again we thank you all, people and institutions of the City of Richmond.

Friends have expressed their hearty appreciation of the work of each of the four clerks in their patient and efficient handling of the business with punctuality and in good order.

123. As the sessions of this Five Years Meeting conclude, the gracious covering of the Holy Spirit rests upon us, the inspiration of these days lifts us above the petty cares and troubles that so often loom large in our meetings and in our individual lives, and the love of our Lord and Saviour unites us in a close

fellowship in which all lesser divisions shrink into nothingness in the bright Light of the transfigured Christ.

Words fail to express our united hopes and aspirations and we return to the Holy Scriptures for the benediction that we ask for each member and meeting in the Five Years Meeting, as for all Friends everywhere.

"Now the God of peace who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be the glory for ever and ever."

To meet in 1945, if it is the Lord's will, the Five Years Meeting of 1940 now concludes.

To keep a complete record, the official program as presented at the 1940 sessions of the Five Years Meeting, is included in the following pages.

PRELIMINARY MEETINGS

October 14, 15, 16

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

AMERICAN SECTION, FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION

AFTERNOON

2:00– 2:30—Meeting for Worship.

2:30– 5:00—Our American Yearly Meetings in Relation to the World Society of Friends. Walter C. Woodward, Presiding.

EVENING

7:30– 9:00—Continuation of Discussion, with Reports from Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Jamaica, Japan, Switzerland. Anna Cox Brinton, Presiding.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

MORNING

9:15– 9:45—Meeting for Worship.

10:00–11:30—Concerns and Reports.

How Can the World Committee Best Represent the Society of Friends? Anna Griscom Elkinton, Presiding.

11:30–12:30—Plans for All-American Friends Conference in 1943: Presentation by Anna Hartshorne Brown.

AFTERNOON

2:00– 4:30—How May We Better Present to the World an Effective Spiritual Message? Presentation by A. Ward Applegate.

EVENING

7:30– 9:00—Significance of Friends World Committee in Time of War: Speakers, Howard W. Elkinton and Irene Pickard. Errol T. Elliott, Presiding. A Public Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

(Preliminary Meetings Continued)

OUR WIDER QUAKER OUTREACH

MORNING

10:00–12:00—A Joint Meeting of Friends Mission Agencies, the Foreign Section of the A.F.S.C., and Friends World Committee. Harley M. Moore, Presiding.

Spiritual Message of Friends to Tropical and Semi-Tropical Areas. Presentation by Merle L. Davis.

AFTERNOON

2:00– 4:00—Spiritual Message of Friends to People of Temperate Areas. Presentation by Leslie D. Shaffer. J. Passmore Elkinton, Presiding.

SESSIONS OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING

October 16-22

AFTERNOON

3:00– 5:00—Registration and Room Assignments.

Tea and Social Hour in Parlor of First Friends Meetinghouse.

EVENING

7:30—Formal Opening by Rufus M. Jones, Presiding Clerk, 1935-1940. Roll Call of Delegates. Welcome to Fraternal Delegates and Visiting Friends.

Address, "Beyond Democracy," Alvin T. Coate: the Initial Lecture of the Isaac T. and Lida K. Johnson Memorial Lectureship.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

MORNING

9:00– 9:30—General Meeting for Worship.

9:45—Appointment of Clerks and General Organization.

10:15–12:00—Commission One—Matching Our Day and Opportunity: Russell E. Rees, Chairman, Presiding. Thomas E. Jones, Introductory Presentation.

AFTERNOON

2:00—Memorial Half Hour.

2:30—Report of Executive Committee.
Reports of the Treasurer and Trustees.
Communications from Yearly Meetings.
Proposals for Revision of Uniform Discipline.
Miscellaneous Business.

4:00—Fellowship Teas on Upper Floor.

(All Friends and visitors are cordially invited to these teas.)

In Parlor:
Host Groups—Indiana and Baltimore.
Guest Groups—Iowa, New England, Cuba and Mexico.

In West Balcony:
Host Groups—North Carolina and Canada.
Guest Groups—California, Western and Jamaica.

In Room 33:
Host Groups—New York, Wilmington, and Western Indians.
Guest Groups—Philadelphia and Nebraska.

4:45– 5:30—Motion Pictures in Secondary Auditorium.

Yearly Meetings on Parade: Merle L. Davis, Sponsor. Indiana, Nebraska, New England, New York, North Carolina, Western, Wilmington, and Friends Central Offices.

EVENING

7:30—Address, "Friends and the Movement for Christian Unity," by Elbert Russell. Margaret T. Carey, Presiding.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

MORNING

9:00– 9:30—Group Meetings for Worship.
(See General Information for Schedule.)

9:45–11:30—Report of Business Committee.
Consideration of Invitation to Join World Council of Churches.
Report of Friends World Committee for Consultation.

11:30–12:00—Open Meeting for Worship.

AFTERNOON

2:00—American Friends Board of Missions.
Woman's Missionary Union.
Greetings from Representatives from Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico, and Western Indians.
Address, "Youth Faces a New World," by Herbert Gezork.
Report of Business Committee.

4:00—Fellowship Teas on Upper Floor.

In Parlor:
Host Groups—New England, Nebraska, Mexico, and Jamaica.
Guest Groups — Baltimore, California, Philadelphia, Indiana, and Western Indians.

In West Balcony:
Young Friends Groups—All Yearly Meetings.

In Room 33:
Host Groups—Wilmington and Cuba.
Guest Groups — Iowa, North Carolina, Western and New York.

4:45– 5:30—Motion Pictures in Secondary Auditorium.
Young Friends Camps—Quaker Cove, Quaker Haven, and A.F.S.C. Work Camps. Millard S. Markle, and Service Committee, Sponsors.

EVENING

7:30—An Evangelistic Message by James A. Coney, Evangelistic Superintendent for New England. Harley M. Moore, Presiding.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

MORNING

9:00– 9:30—Group Meetings for Worship.

9:45–11:30—Commission Four—The Christian Alternative to Conflict: A panel presentation, headed by Homer L. Morris, Chairman.

11:30–12:00—General Meeting for Worship, Wm. O. Mendenhall, Leader.

AFTERNOON

2:00– 4:00—Report of Business Committee.

Peace Board and American Friends Service Committee.

Address, Muriel Lester of London.

4:15—Motion Pictures in Secondary Auditorium.

Cuba: Mission Study Subject. Merle L. Davis, Sponsor.

5:30—Young Friends Supper at West Richmond Meetinghouse.

EVENING

7:30—Young People's Evening. Address, Muriel Lester. Charles F. Thomas, Presiding.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

MORNING

10:30—Meeting for Worship, with Sermon by Levi T. Pennington. W. Bruce Hadley, the Pastor in charge.

AFTERNOON

2:30—Address, "The High Moment for Quakerism," Rufus M. Jones. Walter C. Woodward, Presiding.

4:00—Dedication of Quaker Hill. Address by Elbert Russell. Alvin T. Coate, Presiding.

EVENING

7:30—Gospel Message by Thomas E. Jones, with Music by Fisk University Singers. G. Raymond Booth, Presiding.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

MORNING

9:00– 9:30—Group Meetings for Worship.

9:45–11:30—Commission Three—The Spirit of Christ in Evangelism and Outreach:

Murray C. Johnson, Chairman, Presiding.

Willard O. Trueblood, Introductory Presentation.

11:30–12:00—Open Meeting for Worship.

AFTERNOON

2:00—Report of Business Committee.

Report on Organization of Boards.*

Board of Prohibition and Public Morals.

Publication Board.

Board of Education.

Commission on Friendly Training.

(American Bible Society.)

4:15—Fellowship Tea in Carpenter Hall, Earlham College.

EVENING

7:30—Address, "The Spiritual Basis of Friends' Service," by Clarence E. Pickett. A. Ward Applegate, Presiding.

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*It is important that *all* Boards report their organization at this time, whether organized during the sessions or before. Delegations from Yearly Meetings not represented by a Chairman of a Board will then choose a representative on the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

MORNING

9:00– 9:30—Group Meetings for Worship.

9:45-11:30—Commission Two—The Spirit of Christ in the Local Meeting:
Percy M. Thomas, Chairman, Presiding.
Raymond Binford, Introductory Presentation.

11:30–12:00—General Meeting for Worship, Hornell Hart, Leader.

AFTERNOON

2:00—Board on Christian Education.
Address by Hornell Hart.

3:30—Final Report of Business Committee.

4:00—Meeting of Executive Committee of Five Years Meeting for Organization. Room 22.

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